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WHAT A BLUNDER, MR. LAMB!

By JIM COOK

I came away from Olympic Park last Sunday disgusted that such a vital match should have been marred by such a fantastic blunder by referee Roger Lamb.

It was one which partly demoralised the Croatia side as well as putting South Melbourne Hellas on the winning trail.

It happened after 33 [illegible] wing flank of Hellas, who were attacking the Batman venue-end goal.

A scramble on the touchline by Jimmy Pygrolis and Frank Bot resulted in the ball going over the touchline — at least one yard out of play.

Pat Ward, the linesman on the stand side, immediately waved the ball out of play but the ball was crossed into the Croatia goal and Con Nestorides netted. Ward still kept waving his flag indicating the infringement.

But referee Lamb, well away from the touchline and in fact pretty near the centre of the field, refused to consult his linesman and the goal stood despite the flag-waving of Ward and the protests of the Croatia players.

One hardly needs to be well versed in the [illegible] and rules of the game to know the referee is not obliged to take notice of his linesmen. Which prompts the question that Lamb must have been positive the ball was still in play before the goal was scored.

But if this is the case, then Mr. Lamb is wrong. It was obvious from the clear position I had in the [illegible] room that the ball was out of play.

Except for a brief spell in the 13th and 14th mins., Croatia had up to the time of the goal looked more dangerous and had more of the play.

Hellas came more into the picture after this incident and several times forced the Croatia defenders to clear their lines very hastily.

Makedonia's win: clubs may protest

Metropolitan clubs are talking of petitioning the Victorian Federation following the unsporting way Makedonia won the first division championship.

Many claim Makedonia have made a farce of the competition.

Makedonia and St. Albans both finished with 37 points but Makedonia had a better goal average.

During the season St. Albans beat Makedonia 3-1 and 1-1 on the two occasions they met.

Peter Ermstrang, St. Albans' president, said last week the way Makedonia won the championship was "unsporting".

He said St. Albans did not seek help from interstate players to win their games and he could not see why Makedonia sought the services of three top Hakoah (Sydney) players to help them.

One of the first men to phone Mr. Ermstrang after St. Albans had lost the championship, was Mr. John van Hoboken, Wilhelmina president.

Mr. van Hoboken expressed his sympathy for St. Albans after a gallant effort.

Because of the bad feeling which exists and the lack of official direction in this matter, the only fair solution is to have a play-off for the honor to enter the State League next season.

After all, Soccer fans want to see the best possible team in top company.

RULE BROKEN

At a special meeting of the VSF executive on Friday, it was found Makedonia had broken Rule 8 of the Constitution for abuse of the game.

Makedonia committee members were told the executive would make a full report of the incident to the next Council meeting on Monday.

It was established that one of the players, Edwards, had since left for England after appearing for Makedonia against Dandenong.

The VSF executive have decided that players trans[illegible] to play until the following season.

WILHELMINA WON'T GO DOWN!

You can put your shirt on Saturday's Middle Park game. My tip is that Hellas will draw with Wilhelmina.

Wilhelmina have so much incentive. If they lose, then it's down to First Division; if they win — or even draw — then their position is safe.

With five teams involved in relegation battles — and only one round to go — there could be upset results this weekend.

Hellas and Wilhelmina WILL share the points, most experts predict. Wilhelmina have the talent to cause an upset — and they have so much at stake.

One point will make certain of Hellas winning the championship for the fourth time and one point for the Ringwood club will ensure they stay in top company.

But, take it from me, even if Wilhelmina finish on the bottom they are not likely to be relegated.

BY A SPECIAL REPORTER

I heard much talk last weekend about the likelihood of a play-off for the right to enter the State League next season between the bottom State League team, and First Division winners, Makedonia.

Only a selected few know whether this is fact or fiction, but one thing is sure — the V.S.F. can't afford to allow a team like George Cross to be relegated.

If they go down, so too does the revenue from the gates.

Competition hasn't been tougher than it was this season and with one round left, Polonia, George Cross, Alexander and Lions all have 17 points, and Wilhelmina 16.

One club has to go. On paper Hellas should kill Wilhelmina on Saturday.

Hellas can't afford to lose because Slavia are breathing down their necks one point away, and the Port Melbourne club are dead keen to win the championship for the first time.

Most improved club this season has been Melbourne, who are in third place. If they remain in the top four it will be a good advertisement for Victoria in the forthcoming Australia Cup.

At present the club is the only Australian-named club in the four — Hellas, Slavia and Croatia are the others.

Hellas half-back Johnny Margarites clears the ball despite opposition from a Croatia forward. Uwe Kuessner picture from the match at Olympic Park on Sunday. More Pictures, pages 6 and 7.

NEW JERSEYS FOR CLUBS

A set of official jerseys and colours have been designed by a Melbourne firm for State League teams.

Mr. M. Weinstein, league chairman, said a commercial artist had designed the jerseys and colours and he would be showing them to league delegates this week.

BIG FIGHT

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MELBOURNE LINE-UPS

Here are the likely line-ups for the final round of Victoria's State League competition next week-end:

SATURDAY

ALEXANDER v. JUVENTUS

ALEXANDER	JUVENTUS
1. Economedes	1. Voigt
2. Xanthopoulos	2. Sonsini
3. Glennie	3. Milton
4. Papadaladoukas	4. Gentry
5. Kourkoulakos	5. Scott, D.
6. Simigdalas	6. Closs
7. Mangopolous	7. De Marchi
8. Nicolaides	8. Luckhurst
9. Papageorgiou	9. Norman
10. Gallaher,	10. Millar
11. Pomonis	11. Bell

SLAVIA v. FOOTSCRAY

SLAVIA	FOOTSCRAY
1. Young	1. Wenzl
2. Shepherd	2. Van Der Poel
3. High	3. Cirkovic
4. Goodwin	4. Micic
5. Cook	5. Rice
6. Randles	6. Gregory
7. Jurecki	7. Mladenovic
8. Laraman	8. Kazi
9. Reid	9. Hughes
10. McCorquodale	10. Morgan
11. Savage	11. Gakovic

S.M.-HELLAS v. RINGWOOD

S.M.-HELLAS	RINGWOOD
1. Service	1. Treffers
2. Solopotias	2. Plunkett
3. Litopoulos	3. Vowles
4. Margarites	4. Brouwer
5. Rossis	5. Aldis
6. Bedford	6. Brazier
7. Pyrgolios	7. Reilly
8. Anderson	8. Steele
9. Nestorides	9. Villers
10. Ackerley	10. Smits
11. Damianakos	11. Ferguson

SUNDAY

LIONS v. HAKOAH

LIONS	HAKOAH
1. Gundelach	1. O'Hara
2. Houston	2. Keith
3. Galjema	3. John O'Neill
4. Van Zeist	4. Murney
5. Schwarz	5. Van Alphen
6. Hamilton	6. Stenhouse
7. Torcque	7. Fry
8. Roseweir	8. Armstrong
9. Galambos	9. Monan
10. Walker	10. Smith
11. Wilson	11. Purdie

MELBOURNE v. GEORGE CROSS

MELBOURNE	GEORGE CROSS
1. Surma	1. Tarascio
2. Fowler	2. Sacco
3. Scott, A.	3. McDaid
4. Kemp	4. Ireland
5. Taylor	5. Adams
6. Gregal	6. Hodgson
7. Dezsofi	7. Hill
8. Abonyi	8. Copeland
9. Stoffels	9. Mayle
10. Connelly	10. Finch
11. Myers	11. Cassar

POLONIA v. CROATIA

POLONIA	CROATIA
1. Snopkowski	1. Hobson
2. Marmur	2. D. MacKay
3. Czerniecki	3. Bot
4. Janczyk	4. Rau
5. Gross	5. Becsi
6. Olinowski	6. J. MacKay
7. Hildebrand	7. Kemp
8. Gajda	8. McMeechan
9. Kowalec	9. Vojtek
10. Katolik	10. McIntyre
11. Wrobel	11. Keenan

HELLAS — Champions
WILHELMINA — Relegated

(That's how Jim Cook sees the end of the 1966 season)

Boy! What a finish

At 4.45 on Saturday afternoon I expect South Melbourne-Hellas to be the 1966 State League champions — for the third year running.

If they succeed, the match will also decide the relegation candidates. And that will be Wilhelmina, who have the misfortune to play Hellas.

Slavia, who have been on the tail of Hellas for most of the season, must content themselves as runners-up should the Greek team defeat Wilhelmina.

And the runners-up position is at least assured for Slavia.

Melbourne and Croatia could retain their places in the four although the improved Hakoah are still in with a chance.

With Wilhelmina's seemingly hopeless postion, the tension has somewhat eased on four other clubs in the relegation zone — Polonia, George Cross, Alexander and Lions.

All four face stiff opposition in the final game — all four could be beaten. If Wilhelmina can pull off the sensation of the season and beat Hellas, then one of the other four could go down. Which one I would not even hazard a guess.

S.M.-HELLAS v. WILHELMINA

The result of this game alone could well decide both ends of the league table at once.

A win, or even a draw for Hellas, and they are home and hosed for the championship. They have a vastly superior goal average to Slavia should they unexpectedly drop even one point.

If Wilhelmina are defeated, and this is the nearest thing to a certainty, then its curtains for them as a State League side. If the Ringwood side can by any stretch of the imagination force a draw then they could save themselves should either Alexander or Lions lose. For Wilhelmina would in all probability wriggle in on goal average.

Wilhelmina will fight — any team in the same position would do likewise. But I reckon with all the fighting spirit they may muster they will need a miracle into the bargain.

My tip: Hellas to win.

SLAVIA v. FOOTSCRAY-J.U.S.T.

Clinging to a very dim hope that Hellas can falter against Wilhelmina, the Port Melbourne side must win this game. A task which should be well within their power.

Slavia are a good side. They give little away in defence and their attack, which has scored nine goals in the past two games, is having its best spell of the season.

The Footscray side, with a single point from their last four games, have gone to the pack and have been beaten in quick succession by relegation candidates Alexander and Lions.

Unless JUST have a change of heart and some rekindled spirit they should end the season on a dull note.

My tip: Slavia to win.

ALEXANDER v. JUVENTUS

Five points from their last three games have almost saved Alexander from a seemingly hopeless position. But they are and must win in case Wilhelmina also succeed.

No doubt about this Alexander side. Every game offers a fresh challenge to them and they roll their sleeves up and really get stuck into the game.

Juventus, having waved goodbye to the four, will try for the sake of their dwindling support to snatch a win and improve their league position. It won't be easy unless they play more creatively than they have done in recent weeks.

My tip: Alexander to win.

LIONS v. HAKOAH

This should be a dour determined struggle between two sides who play it hard and ask or give no quarter.

Four points from their last two games, scoring three goals and losing none in the process, is certainly a big improvement in Lions. And one which has given their players and management renewed hope of extending their stay in the State League.

Three weeks ago the Lions position was pretty desperate.

Hakoah continue their great second half of the league revival. And with a possibility of still making the four, should Croatia or Melbourne falter in their games, the Middle Park side will be in top gear throughout.

With points so valuable to both sides and especially to Lions, I'm tipping it will be close all the way.

My tip: Hakoah to win.

MELBOURNE v. GEORGE CROSS

Six weeks ago Melbourne were at the half-way mark in the league table. Now with four wins in a row behind them, including the scalps of both Hellas and Croatia, they are tucked nicely into third position.

A tremendous effort by Melbourne, who are likely to make the Australian Cup for the first time as well as getting a leg into the night Soccer series. Teamwork and dedication have played a big part in Melbourne's success.

George Cross have gone from bad to worse and the best they can hope for is to see their State League status secure and rebuild for next league season. As one of the bottom five they still have an outside chance of making the eight should they win here.

My tip: Melbourne to win.

POLONIA v. CROATIA

Polonia have made a sorry show in their last four games. As one of the five in the danger zone they have to rely on others to lose rather than themselves winning.

Strange thing is Polonia opened the 1966 season on a bright note and won their first three games. A wonderful start for any club.

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ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT MAY BE STAGED

Scots will play two games

DENIS LAW

MATT BUSBY

Scotland's national team will DEFINITELY be playing two matches in Australia next year.

Ian McAndrew, secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation, said this on his return from a short visit to Europe after the World Cup finals.

"I have been authorised by the Scottish F.A. to negotiate with Hong Kong about dates for the matches," said Mr. McAndrew.

Scotland's team will be making a world tour at the end of the coming season.

Already there is a strong suggestion to stage a "round robin" tournament between Scotland, Manchester United and Australia's national team.

Each team would play the other.

This would enable local Soccer fans to see a match which would attract the attention of the rest of the world — Scotland v. Manchester United.

"I'm not too sure about that one. British officials are very particular about any match played by their national team," said Mr. McAndrew.

"But we will make every effort to stage it if there is any chance".

There also would be the question of which team Denis Law would be playing for.

Matt Busby said in England last month that Law would be released from Scotland's close season tour in order to fulfil his contract with Manchester United and make the tour of Australia.

But whether Scottish officials would allow their star player to appear for his club against his country is another question.

JUNIOR COACH

Ollie Norris has been appointed Victorian state coach for the Under-16 team to play in the forthcoming interstate youth carnival in Melbourne.

Hellas captain and coach Con Nestorides was the hero of his team's win over Croatia at Olympic Park on Sunday. Here Hellas fans chair him from the ground.

HELLAS CHASE 2 NEW STARS

By FRED VILLIERS

South Melbourne-Hellas have been the most powerful club in Victorian Soccer this season both in spectator support and playing strength.

But next year the South Melbourne club could be even stronger.

They are negotiating for two more top Greek players —an inside forward and a reserve goalkeeper.

They are Con Hagicostas, a 29-year-old forward from Aris Solonica and Con Githopoulos, 26-year-old goalie from Apolon Athens.

The pair should be cleared within three months and with luck could be here in time for the 1967 Night Series at Olympic Park.

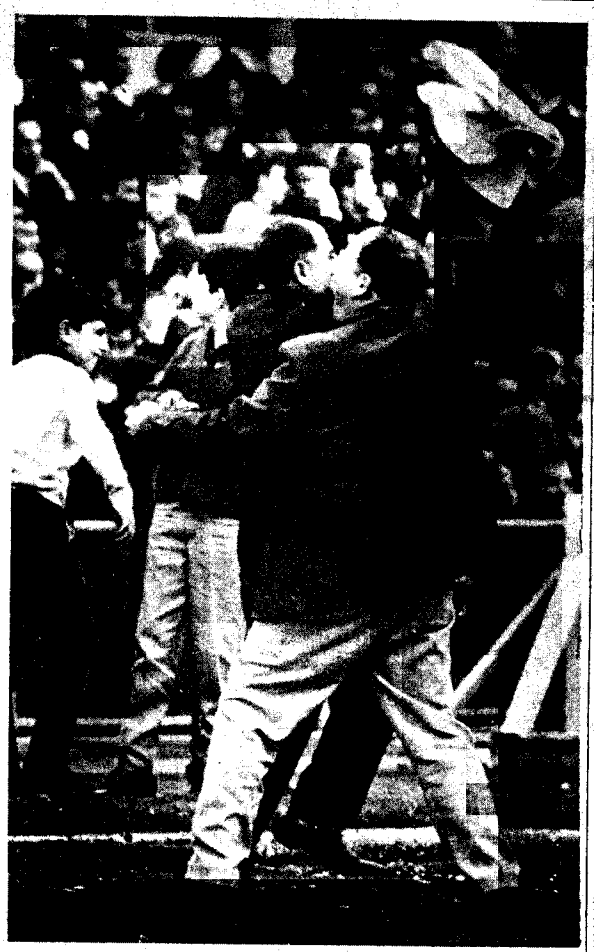
Githopoulos plays for Andrew Roussis' old team and has quite a reputation as a keeper in Greece.

Con Nestorides, Hellas captain-coach, who is Victoria's leading goalscorer this season, told me about Hellas' plans to bring the two players here on Thursday.

I met him at Prince Henry's Hospital where we were visiting Charles Musker, a keen Hellas supporter, who was recovering from an operation.

Con said Hellas were playing well together and their present line-up was the strongest the club could produce. It is: 1 Service, 2 Litopoulos, 3 Solopotias, 4 Margarites, 5 Roussis, 6 Bedford, 7 Pyrgolios, 8 Anderson, 9 Nestorides, 10 Ackerley, 11 Damianakos.

Charles Musker left hospital on Tuesday. He said he wanted to thank all the Hellas, Alexander and Hakoah players and officials who came to visit him.



Here's how Hellas fans felt when their team's second goal went into the net at Olympic Park on Sunday.

PACE TAKES ITS TOLL

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Seems the pace has taken its toll on the youngsters who form the nucleus of the side. They are trying hard enough, but have lost their sharpness and poise.

Croatia, despite their defeat by Hellas, are a good side although their fast moving forward line, which would wreck any amphometer is sadly off the mark at finishing at present. Croatia has so much more imagination and skill that it would be a shock if they were to go under to the struggling Polonia.

My tip: Croatia to win.

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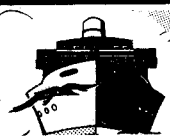
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It's the teamwork that counts

What has been the secret to Lions' recent success? Team work and team spirit according to team manager John Vandeloo.

He said yesterday their Dutch players John Gundelach, Gert Galjama, Ricky van Zeist and Freek Torcque—have combined well with the rest of the team.

"They are playing better now than ever before", Mr. Vandeloo said.

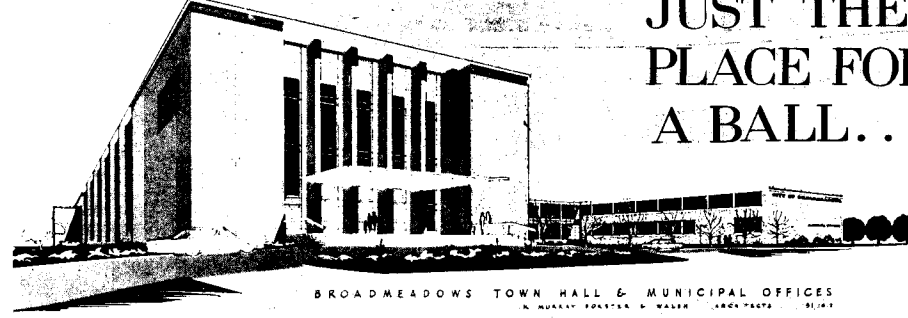
"One of our best players each week is Steve Walker who came to us from Kilsyth Rangers, in Scotland.

"When he joined us he was an inside forward but we played him centre half and he's been a tower of strength to our side.

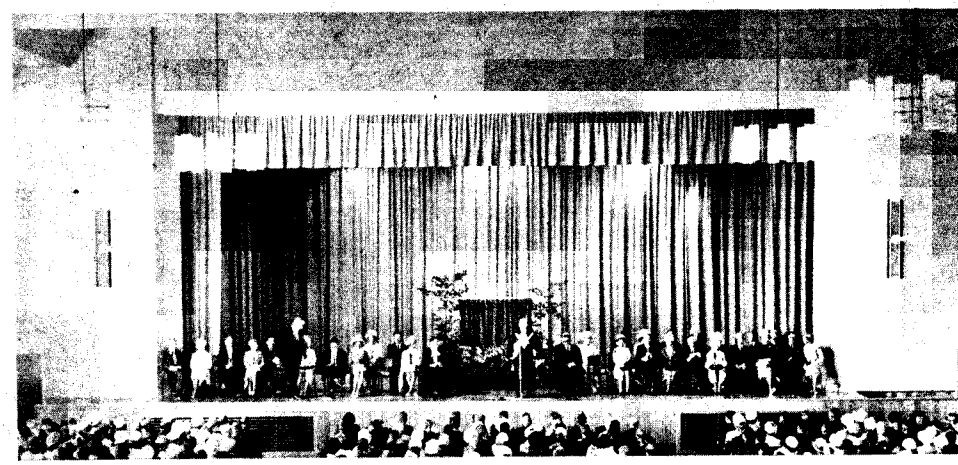
"We now have a Scottish coach, Ken Pattison, who has worked wonders with the team.

"Since we lost to George Cross we've been on the up and up and much credit is due to the coach.

"Ken was a former professional with Kilmarnock and until three weeks ago was our reserve coach," said Mr. Vandeloo.



The new Broadmeadows Town Hall where Lions Gala Ball will be held on November 12.



And here's the Upper Ballroom of the Town Hall, during a naturalisation ceremony.

DOWN CAME THE HOMES

Everton hauled down an entire street of houses to enlarge Goodison Park for the World Cup games — rehousing all families displaced.

It cost the "Merseyside Millionaires" plenty in terms of hard cash. But then there's no shortage of cash with Everton.

The Black and White Minstrels, the fast moving TV show, run their own Soccer side in London amateur football. And watching them one day Millwall manager Billy Gray spotted a very promising 16-year-old in the side — the son of one of the minstrels.

The youngster, Ellis Jones, was signed by Gray, who has now taken over as manager of Brentford. And Jones has now been transferred from Millwall to Brentford.

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Don't blame the press: That's what was stated last week. When well meaning people financially support Soccer, as sponsors in this very "V.S.F. publication", and are called before the Executive to explain business advertisements, who is so blaming the Press?

Lions appear about the only club who do appreciate the value of the Press, and back it with big spending. If those who talk so much showed their statements in actual kind in this paper, and by backing radio programs dedicated to Soccer, the desired increased public relations would have been explored.

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Proper relations, with public and press, start at V.S.F. level, followed by club officials, then referees and then the players. If somewhere from the top down there is a breakdown in genuine approach, sincere effort and down to earth thinking, the whole thing collapses.

LIONS AND PUBLICITY

Soccer News has received many enquiries as to why Lions receive so much publicity.

The answer is that this club sponsors a half-page each week.

This week the enterprising Lions club have paid for a full-page advertising their club and activities.

This service is not only open to Lions but to all clubs, and those interested should contact our advertising manager, Mr. Geoff Lane. Phone 94 4708

Talks tonight on new stadium for soccer

A meeting will be held in the Broadmeadows City Hall tonight to discuss a giant new Soccer stadium for Broadmeadows.

Lions' Soccer man, Mr. M. Boluch, president of the Australian Ukrainian community will represent the Ukrainian community at the talks.

Lions are almost certain of State League status again next year and this will give the talks an added boost.

Lions are really in the news this week, with the likelihood of their appeal being heard over the poaching row and the vital game at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Lions must win this game to be assured of a place in the State League. If they lose, and Wilhelmina beat or draw with Hellas, then they are almost certainly doomed for the First Division.

Players are acutely aware of the danger and will be flat out to beat Hakoah. If they can maintain their recent form they will give the Hakoah halfback line a torrid time.

A win will mean a big celebration at Montgomery Park after the game — and everyone's invited!

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Plans for the huge gala ball at the Broadmeadows City Hall on November 12, are well under way, and the night looks like being fully booked out.

The hall is one of the best in the world, according to Mr. Hadjigeorge, who has travelled to many countries.

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On November 13, the annual general meeting of the club will be held at Montgomery Park at 5 p.m. This meeting will decide the 1967 management of the club and everyone interested in purchasing a $10 membership ticket is invited to attend.

Most of the present committee members are expected to stand again — but elections will be held and anyone can nominate for a place on the committee.

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Another big event is the New Year's celebration at the Broadmeadows City Hall. Keep it in mind.

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The Makedonia people must have "got hit like a rocket" when they received telegrams about "fronting up". Lions have said it, in these columns, when Alexander brought in players: If there is no rule to stop players from being brought in, WHY blame the club? If one club can, by existing rules, do it, why should another club be debarred (or even questioned)? It may be that the telegrams ought to have gone to the V.S.F. Executive members, from the A.S.F., asking THEM to explain why such slap-hazard rules exist in this "glamor - soccer - state - Victoria!

Not all that is said on that Friday (or Saturday) radio station is "up to date" or relevant to fact. BUT, most of it certainly is.

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Is it true that just the top TWO teams (Slavia and Hellas) are to play for the Australia Cup? If so, why not announce it timely. And if NO team is to play in it because of lack of sponsor, why not simply delete the whole thing, so all clubs know where they stand.

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If existing State League Clubs should be retained, because the closeness of the ladder. It leaves no doubt about the relevant strength of all 12 teams, why not leave them in? Lions is not going to be bottom, but it little matters WHO will be. If clubs can beat Hellas, Slavia and others, even if — at the end — 12 points from the TOP, what good to Soccer can be served to relegate them? At school pupils who are good or reasonable are "promoted", rather than "kicked".

ALL State League clubs are more than reasonable. Why not do what Holland did, and N.S.W. Expand the competition to 14 teams. Start earlier, finish later, retain the classical Harry Dockerty Cup, and forget about the rest until Soccer finances permit regular, prompt and doubtful "other cups".

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District names are a must. That is sure. And Soccer is going to be the national game. Bungling can only delay such, and retard it, but it cannot stop it. Nature takes its course.

Come to the ball

NOVEMBER 12, Broadmeadows City Hall, can herald the beginning of proper and long-overdue TRUE PUBLIC RELATIONS . . . Soccer clubs from all parts of Victoria are invited to return the "Request for seats docket". One docket CAN be used to book ANY number of seats, as long as $2 for each seat is INCLUDED with the request.

Some large clubs might want to book 300 tickets. The more the merrier. Lions will group clubs together, referees together, and officials together, so this can be the "big get together" which will place Soccer in the State limelight. Any amount of photographers will want to come and illustrate the foresight of Soccer to capture not only the finest venue for such annual gala-ball, but the overall colossal organisation of this move.

Therefore, clubs and individuals, get busy! There is one floor, taking 1,500 people, where liquor will be consumed, whether you bring your own, or purchase at the bar. And food can also be bought or brought.

The top floor is solely for dancing, with balcony and floor seating for 2,500 people.

Lions plan to capacity. It wishes to show the Broadmeadows City Council what asset SOCCER is already, and can be in future. After all, when there is a plan for a huge Soccer Stadium one should do everything to encourage the people who will be first in Australia's history to work out a plan which could become a proposition to Soccer beyond the possibilities of Olympic Park.

At Broadmeadows they don't only think big, they ACT big. The marvellous $1,000,000 City Hall, and the Broadmeadows City Baths (pool) valued at over $250,000 leave no doubt about this.

National dresses may be worn to the ball. In fact Lions invite you to. It will add glamor to the whole thing, and there will be prizes for the best dresses; nicest decorated tables; and an odd dancing group.

This gala ball is going to be a ripper. It will go from 8 p.m. till 6 a.m. Get your bookings in, please.

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Australia needs Walter Winterbottom

IF Australia wants to be in the final 16 for the 1970 World Cup in Mexico it must get a top coach to prepare its team now.

And there's no better man for the job than Walter Winterbottom who did such a great job during the F.I.F.A. referees' course in Melbourne.

There's no reason why we can't reach the final 16 in four years with the right man at the helm.

The Australian Soccer Federation thinks big in many ways, but are they the best ways for Soccer in Australia?

With money in the "till", more to add from the Roma tour and prospects of a bumper haul from the Manchester United visit next year, the A.S.F. are in a healthy financial position.

For years Soccer fans in Australia have suffered pathetic administration, poor facilities at many games, negative actions due to club control, and their internal wranglings.

On the field of play fans have witnessed much that was feeble, tawdry and even spurious, presented in the fair name of Soccer.

WORLD SOCCER POWER

Loving the game and eternally hoping for better things, fans have come back for more. Signs there are, particularly in Victoria as a result of the almost universal acceptance of the Weinstein Blue Print, that Soccer is going to have an upward surge.

I say, therefore, that now is the time for preparation for the ONE thing that will give Australia world recognition and perhaps more important, National recognition, as a World Soccer Power.

Australians are proud of their achievements in sport, and with good reason. They will always be fully behind any sport in which Australia achieves International acclaim.

Australians generally were more than interested when we went to Cambodia.

Had we moved into the last 16, even the most anti-Soccer press would have given support to the game. The World Cup series in Britain aroused profound interest among sportsmen all over Australia, even in footy circles. However, we failed, not ingloriously, but we failed.

Australians, in their down to earth approach to life, have no time for failure, however "glorious". THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

PREPARE TEAM NOW

We should start now, with the right man in complete and absolute control. He should be subjected to only one demand. **Prepare a team that will put Australia into the last 16 in Mexico in 1970!**

This is no pipe dream, no "pie in the sky", but a realistic, attainable objective.

There are youthful players of the Abonyi type, who, properly prepared, could successfully represent Australia internationally, in four years time.

There's no doubt the man for the job is Walter Winterbottom.

Here is a man whom we know personally, as well as by repute. A man with fearless courage and an infinite capacity for taking pains, with a wide knowledge and tremendous ability in Soccer at International level. A man who would unerringly select and weld a squad who could and would do the job.

By GEORGE YELLAND, Soccer News special correspondent

Three years ago, when F.I.F.A. conducted that course for Referees, in Melbourne, Winterbottom was the chief instructor. In a short space of time he found a niche in the hearts of all those who took that course, and many nationalities were represented there. All were profoundly impressed with his wide knowledge of techniques and his ability to "put it over".

MOVING EXPERIENCE

It was a most moving experience for all who attended the final reception when he was leaving at the end of the course. The referees in a spontaneous gesture of appreciation, respect and affection, presented him with a pair of opal cuff links.

Visibly moved, Walter said, "I take something of Australia away with me on my sleeves, but the real Australia will always be in my heart".

He said that he would love to come back to the Country and its warm-hearted people and looked forward to our advancement in the world of Soccer.

This then, is the man that Australia needs. A man of unblemished character, undoubted ability, capable of inspiring players to heights undreamed of. Shrewd, firm but understanding in his discipline, unlikely to be affected by club or state pressures or differences.

In other words, THE MAN AUSTRALIA NEEDS.

Now is the time to negotiate. Bring him here on contract, at least until the next World Cup series ends.

Sure it will be expensive, the best always is. It would be repaid a thousand-fold when Australia "came of age" in the field of International Soccer.

We must not take NO for an answer. We must start NOW. Tomorrow, next year, 1969, will be too late.

Croatia goalie Kovacek jumps high to save in a mix up with Hellas players John Anderson (left) and Ernie Ackerley at Olympic Park on Sunday. Hellas won 2-0.

● FRED VILLIERS tells two stories about two Victorian referees who made news last weekend . . .

Tale of two referees...

● REF. No. 1 'BOOKED'

A Victorian referee was "booked" on Sunday. Not at a game, but on his way to it!

He is BOB RANDALL who was booked for speeding on the Princes Highway.

Bob was on his way to referee the Yallourn v. Springvale Dockerty Cup match.

This wasn't his only disappointment. He went to the wrong ground — Yallourn instead of Morwell — and when he arrived he found he'd left his boots at home.

Bob had quite an expensive weekend. He travelled the 180 miles at his own cost (he didn't receive expenses) and it looks like he's due for a speeding fine.

Yallourn beat Springvale 6-1 and Bob says "It's the best game I've reffed this year".

Yallourn now meet George Cross in the next Cup round.

● REF. No. 2 'UNLUCKY'

How unlucky can you be? Just ask referee DAVID HUDDLE for the answer.

- A month ago a player kicked him during a match.
- A week later he had his pocket "picked" of $80 while refereeing a match at Middle Park.
- The following week someone stole his car and,
- Last week he got a piece of metal in his eye at work and had to receive hospital treatment.

Please don't boo this ref. He's had more than his share of bad luck this season.

STATE LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

Victorian State League goalscorers last week-end were: **Alexander 3** (Papageorgiou 2, Simigdalis) d. **J.U.S.T. 1** (Mladenovic); **Slavia 3** (Laraman, McCorquodale, Reid), d. **George Cross 0**; **Lions 1** (Hamilton) d. **Juventus 0**; **Hellas 2** (Anderson, Nestorides) d. **Croatia 0**; **Melbourne 3** (Kemp, Gregal, Stoffels) d. **Wilhelmina 1** (Steele); **Hakoah 2** (Monan 2) d. **Polonia 1** (Gadja).

GLENROY HAS BIG PLANS

Glenroy United have more than 120 players on their books — but they are looking for more.

Stan Warren, vice-president, says they have big plans for next season under coach Reg Tolputt, who has had experience with Wolves, in England.

Interested players should phone Stan, 45 4381.

OH, PLEASE STOP IT!

Let's hope the N.S.W. Soccer Federation is not going to once again spoil the atmosphere of the coming finals by using the man who has been nicknamed the Wooloomooloo Yank on the public address.

He just can't stop talking and is flat out getting the names of the players right.

He was back at Wentworth Park last Sunday announcing, among other things, that Apia 3 was leading Apia 0.

There is nothing wrong with an American accent, but it can be annoying to both Old Australians and New Australians alike during a local Soccer match if the man concerned is suffering from verbal diahorrea.

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On Saturday at Olympic Park, I s side, beaten with consummate ease by Sl

Hellas forward John Anderson jumps over Croatia left half Jim Mackay to get control of the ball. Tibby Becsi is ready to pounce.

Two champions in action — Con Nestorides, of Hellas, gets his left foot to the ball a whisker in front of Croatia's star Hammy McMeechan.

kiss for the new Miss Polonia, Stasia orobel, 18, from the ecretary of the Polnia club, Leo Gomurz. On the right is e former Miss olonia, Stella Ekselman.

'I was there'

By George Yelland

Let me hasten to add that Slavia, never getting into top gear, impressed as the most complete Soccer team that I have seen this season.

They play as a team Highly trained skilful exponents of the art of Soccer.

The pitiful crowd of only 1,613 paying spectators reflects badly on its public appreciation of first-class Soccer. Do you fans want good Soccer or are you British migrants still dreaming of Goodison Park, Old Trafford, or White Hart Lane?

This team should be playing to 20,000 spectators every week, if they produce this brand of Soccer regularly.

George Cross on the other hand, were cumbersome, inaccurate and dispirited. They badly need new and young blood in the side. The old war horses, Adams, Sacco and Hodgson, have had their day and it is time the committee not only realised this, but did something about it.

INSECURE

The defence looked so slow and cumbersome on Saturday, that Slavia, had they gone flat out, could have had a cricket score. Surely the young and enthusiastic reserves, who are next to the top of the Reserves League ladder, could provide them with players who could give a better show than we saw on Saturday?

The Cross defence looked more insecure than I can remember and only McDaid and Ireland looked impressive.

However, I can't go along with the spectators, no matter how frustrated they feel, who talk of declaring the club "black". Where was your encouragement on Saturday? I never once heard you encouraging your players and urging them on with that familiar club song. Only rats leave a sinking ship.

Now is the time for you to come along in big numbers and give your encouragement and help when it is most needed.

Anyone can follow a winning team, but the true supporter is the one who is there to back the lads when they are having a bad trot.

So what about turning up in your thousands at Elsternwick Park next Sunday for that final, all important game and urge your boys on so that your coach and committee may have the opportunity to guide this famous club to new heights next year?

To the committee and who ever selects the team I say, throw your safety first ideas overboard, they are not bringing safety anyway. Take your lessons from Melbourne, Polonia etc., and give your youngsters a go. They will not lie down without a fight. Remember that a team of enthusiastic triers is infinitely preferable to a team of "names", who have lost the will to win.

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After early desultory play the patternwork of Slavia became evident and it was no surprise when a perfectly judged square pass by Jurecki was hammered home by Laraman.

The Slavia defence, in which goalkeeper Young stood out (what a terrific lad this is) was cool and competent. Shepherd was his elegant effective self Cook, the rock we have

HAKOAH STILL IN THE

JIM COOK reports:

Hakoah scored a 2-1 win over Polonia at Middle Park to keep their Australian Cup hopes alive And Polonia's defeat made them one of the four bottom clubs who are only a point better off than Wilhelmina at the foot of the table.

It was fast entertaining first half at Middle Park which was highlighted by a goal from each side — both headers. First came from Ian Monan. Bert Gajda scored the equaliser.

Although the first half honors were evenly divided the same cannot be said of the second half. Hakoah were undoubtedly on top and if inside forward Jim Armstrong had his shooting boots on he could have scored a hat-trick.

Hakoah, superior throughout most of the second half again had to rely on Ian Monan to score the all-important winning goal. And it was a beauty.

It started with a solo run by Armstrong, in which he beat several players and parted at the right time to Monan who

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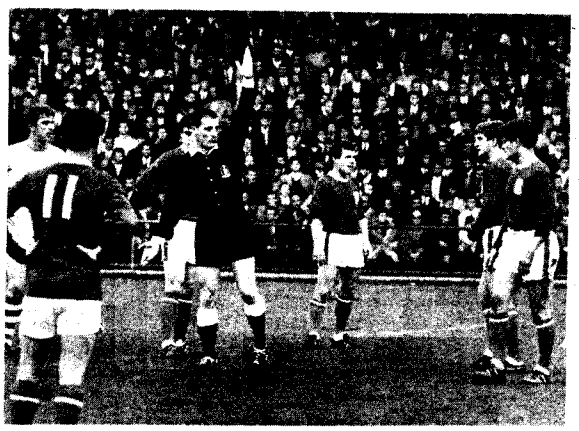
Croatia centre-half Tibby Becsi and Hellas forward Jim Pyrgolios battle for the ball.

Hellas half-back Johnny Margarites takes a tumble as the ball flies towards him.



Referee Roger Lamb calls for the ball after Hellas scored their first goal. Croatia players look dejected — Jim Cook tells you why on Page 1.

Croatia's Hammy McMeechan slips his foot through the legs of Hellas star Con Nestorides. Croatia right-half Jim Mackay waits on the outcome.

* Martin Aston looks at

Pat saved the Coast

South Coast qualified for the N.S.W. final four by just under two-tenths of a goal after Pat Woods, a 34-year-old right-back, came up the field to score his first goal of the season.

His desperation effort with only nine minutes of play remaining enabled his team to snatch a 1-all draw with second placed Hakoah.

The point resulted in South Coast finishing level in fourth place with Pan Hellenic and meant that the final place in the play offs would be decided on goal averages.

A team's goal average is determined by dividing the number of goals scored during the season by the number of goals conceded.

South Coast had scored 31 goals and conceded 25 which resulted in a goal average of 1.25 while Pan Hellenic's 4-0 victory over Corinthian resulte din a final figure of 36 for and 34 against for a goal average of 1.06.

On the previous day Croatia, as I predicted exclusively, had ended a despairing Prague's chances of a place in the final four by scoring a 2-0 win.

These are the cold, hard facts of the matter and tell nothing of the drama which occurred after Hakoah took a lead of 1-0 and it was announced over the public address that Pan Hellenic was leading Corinthian by 4-0.

There appeared to be no chance of a crack appearing in Hakoah's defence which was splendidly marshalled by Allan Marnock as the "stopper" and Ian Hillsden at left-back.

Then the "impossible" occurred.

Woods, balding, the oldest player in a team in which the accent has been placed on youth, suddenly appeared from nowhere wide out on the right.

He swung his right foot and sent across a perfectly judged lob shot which eluded the clutches of Hakoah's young goalkeeper Peter Fuzes, hit the far upright and went in.

It was only a couple of seconds later that Woods had completed disappeared from sight as he was mobbed by wildly excited South Coast players.

South Coast, fighting and chasing for every ball, had earlier upset Hakoah's cool, simple approach work by cleverly exploiting an off-side trap.

Woods, the left - back Adrian Ringlands and centre-half Jim Harris would move quickly up the field to catch an unsuspecting Hakoah forward in an off-side position.

Harris, the captain-coach, had simply to tell his players before the game, "We don't stop running until the final whistle", and they followed such an instruction to perfection.

South Coast would have been unlucky to lose because Gerry Hood appeared to be clearly off-side when he scored Hakoah's goal in the 70th minute of play.

Hakoah 1 (G. Hood), **drew with South Coast 1** (P. Woods).

Cumberland United, second from the bottom of the competition and threatened by relegation, provided an even bigger upset by beating St. George Budapest 2-1.

Cumberland United, inspired by a brilliant display by David Goldie, the former Victorian star, moved quickly to the ball to throw St. George Budapest, a trifle complacent, out of its stride.

GOALSCORERS

J. Giacometti (Apia)	20
G. Yardley (St. Geo. Budapest)	19
E. Freeme (South Coast)	13
J. Watkiss (Apia)	13
J. Keddie (Cumberland United)	12
J. Warren (St. Geo. Budapest)	12
J. Karagianis (Pan Hellenic)	11
H. Ninaus (Hakoah)	11
J. Harding (Hakoah)	9

Both of the goals were scored by John Keddie, who started the match on the right wing but spent most of his time acting as the striker of the attack.

There was a stir early in the game when St. George Budapest's left-back Roger Hillary and Cumberland United's Matt Collins were sent off on a charge of fighting.

St. George Budapest's goal came from a penalty kick by Tibor Zuckerman.

Cumberland United 2 (J. Keddie 2) **beat St. George Budapest 1** (T. Zuckerman).

I fear for the future of the Prague club.

All of the enthusiasm has gone, a number of leading officials are talking of getting out, coach Stefan Cambal is going back to Czechoslovakia and the majority of the star players are tired old men.

Some of the players gave up the ghost long before Prague lost its chance of qualifying for the final four when easily beaten 0-2 by Croatia.

Already there is talk of Prague amalgamating with another club before the start of next season.

Last Saturday's match was as good as over when Prague centre-half David Zeman put the ball into his own goal in the fourth minute of play in attempting to clear a header by Vic Reynolds.

Ron Giles delivered the coup de grace when he scored Croatia's second goal in the opening minutes of the second half.

Croatia 2 (D. Zeman own goal, R. Giles) **beat Prague 0.**

Pan Hellenic scored a 4-0 win over Corinthian in last Sunday's match, but it was too late to earn a place for the club in the final four.

It was disappointing for Pan Hellenic, but the club has only itself to blame for throwing a lot of foolish points earlier in the year.

Doug Logan confirmed his recent improved form by scoring a "hat-trick" of goals.

The result means that Corinthian will have to play off against the second and third clubs in the second division for two places in next year's increased first division competition of 12 teams.

Pan Hellenic 4 (D. Logan 3, J. Karagianis) **beat Corinthian 0.**

Apia, all pride and purpose, enjoyed what was little more than a pleasant Sunday afternoon stroll in beating Yugal by 3-0.

A highlight was that Stan Ackerley, the left back, scored his first goal of the season.

Apia 3 (W. Kerklaan, A. Blue, S. Ackerley) **beat Yugal 0.**

★ *Pat Woods . . . South Coast's right back shows his style.*

NSW TEAMS

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST v. SOUTH COAST

1. M. Clarke	1. J. Nuell
2. S. Isaac	2. P. Woods
3. R. Hillary	3. A. Ringlands
4. M. Schaefer	4. P. Carr
5. H. Stegbauer	5. J. Harris or S. Sherwin
6. T. Zuckerman	6. B. Salisbury
7. W. Todd	7. P. Beattie
8. J. Warren	8. E. Mullan
9. G. Yardley	9. C. Dickson
10. V. Fernandez	10. E. Freeme
11. A. Hillhouse	11. D. Paterson

APIA v. HAKOAH

1. W. Rorke	1. P. Fuzes
2. C. Van Blerk	2. T. Edwards
3. S. Ackerley	3. I. Hillsdon
4. P. Hughes	4. D. Walsh
5. J. Sambrook	5. A. Marnoch
6. F. Bottalico	6. J. Duffy
7. J. Giacometti	7. R. Fekete
8. R. Campana	8. J. Harding
9. J. Watkiss	9. H. Ninaus
10. A. Blue	10. G. Hood or D. Reid
11. W. Kerklaan	11. D. Holden

South Coast may trap!

SOUTH COAST'S exploitation of an off-side trap could pave the way for an upset in Sunday's other play-off against St. George Budapest in Sydney.

Such a tactic can be frustrating to the onlooker but it takes a lot of experience and perfect understanding between players to get it down to a fine art.

Watch for the way in which the full-back pair of Pat Woods and Adrian Ringlands and South Coast's centre - half and captain, Jim Harris, quickly move up the field to catch an unsuspecting St. George Budapest forward lurking in an off-side position.

The way in which they exploited such tactics in last Sunday's game against Hakoah played a vital part in South Coast snatching a point to qualify for the final four play off.

I would take the plunge and predict that South Coast will cause an upset against St. George Budapest, surprisingly beaten last Sunday by Cumberland United, if only I could be sure that Harris was going to be fit to play.

He will probably play whether he is properly fit or not.

Harris finished last Sunday's game with a lump practically the size of a cricket ball on the inside of his right knee.

He said later that he thought that he had burst a blood vessel in the knee but was hoping that constant treatment during the week and perhaps the draining away of some of the blood would allow him to play on Sunday.

A lot is going to depend on whether Harris can put a policeman's grip on St. George Budapest's hard running centre - forward George Yardley, who already has scored 19 goals in premiership matches.

Yardley believes that a straight line is the quickest and most effective route to the goal and can be relied upon to test Harris out early in the game to find out whether his knee is still a trifle suspect.

Woods and Ringlands, who is having his best ever season, should have the measure of St. George Budapest's wing pair of Alan Hillhouse and Willie Todd but whether South Coast's wing halves Phil Carr and Barry Salisbury can find an answer to the inside-forward pair of John Warren and Victor Fernandez is a different question.

Everything could depend on whether Salisbury, who is one of the code's most under-rated players, can prevent Warren from gaining a grip on play in the middle of the field.

The match will be played at a very fast pace and could develop into a low-scoring thriller.

South Coast has the stronger defence but its young forward line lacks the experience, the punch and the goal-scoring ability of such players as Yardley and Warren.

Anything could happen, but I am going to stick out my neck and tip South Coast, fighting and chasing for every ball, to cause an upset — but only if Harris is fit to take his place as the stopper.

CLOSE FOR YARDLEY

George Yardley, of St. George Budapest, who failed by only one goal to catch Johnny Giacometti, of Apia, for the honour of being Sydney's leading goal scorer, is going back to Scotland on October 3.

He wants to try his luck in getting back into professional Soccer there even though he's going to lose money.

"I'll lose considerably but there are sentimental reasons why I want to go back", he says.

"I miss the tension and excitement you get before the matches back home."

Yardley came to Australia two years ago in a bid to regain his confidence after two cartilage operations caused him lose faith in his own ability.

"I saw myself gradually declining and eventually dropping out of football."

Yarley believes that Hakoah is going to prove harder for St. George Budapest to beat than Apia in the play-off between the four leading clubs.

He says that Hakoah is playing "really good man to man stuff".

Yardley has a word of praise for his St. George Budapest team-mate, John Warren, and claims that he should be the first player chosen in every Australian team that is picked.

HOOD HAS COURAGE

By MARTIN ASTON

What I can't stand are the chickens and the cowards . . . but one Soccer player with a surplus of spirit is Hakoah's Gerry Hood, a goal hungry sparrow-hawk of an inside-forward.

He is the player who suffered such a badly broken leg in last year's Australia Cup that doctors gave him little chance of ever playing again.

Both of the bones in Hood's leg were broken.

He had shown a lot of courage in slowly but surely regaining his confidence and goal scoring touch in Hakoah's third and second teams before winning back a place in the first team for last Sunday's game against South Coast.

Hood started the game on the right-wing but gradually took over as the striker and scored his team's only goal in the 70th minute of play with a typical piece of quick thinking.

But it remains to be seen whether Hakoah's coach Tiko Jelisavcic is going to take a risk with Hood in next Sunday's round robin play off match against Apia.

I will be surprised if he does.

The Apia defence is not going to spare Hood by going into the tackle in a half-hearted way because he will be just another player once such an important game gets under way.

And a further injury would undo all of the good work which has been done in getting Hood's poise and confidence approaching something what it used to be.

Letters

SIR.—After a hard and very expensive battle in the First Division since 1961, the Makedonia Club won the premiership to State League this year.

In 1964 and 1965 the club spent thousands and thousands of dollars but were beaten on the post and finished runners up.

This year the club brought Dacevski as a trainer, coach and player from the Yugal Club, N.S.W., for a heavy transfer fee.

Also they bought several other State League players from Victorian Clubs.

Money to the Makedonia Club is not a problem at all during any stage of the season or seasons. The club is in power financially to bring players from any angle of the world or to buy players from any other club at any requested fee, as long as they are good material to help the club win games and promote Soccer in general.

The committee of the club, with the great support from their supporters when they took the lead in their division, did contact Vardar Soccer Club of Skopje, Macedonia, for the 1967 season.

Satisfactory arrangements were made between all parties and the players will be arriving in Melbourne by air sometime this month or early next month.

Rumors are around that the president of the club will travel by air to some British countries to arrange for some more players to join the club before the commencement of the 1967 season.

The committee feels sure that the Makedonia Club will be warmly welcomed by all State League Clubs as well as by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The club is well established from all points of view. It is well known to all followers of the code and it is estimated to be in the same level with supporters to the leading clubs in the State League.

General opinion is that the Makedonia club will do very well in the top company and will be placed in a good League position before the end of each Soccer season.

The committee well before the end of the season contacted the Preston City Council regarding further improvements at the Collier Street Reserve Preston, which is the home ground of Makedonia.

One of the councillors said that the city council would do the very best to improve the ground to a high standard and the Preston municipality was very proud to have such a good Soccer Club in their district.

The surface of the playing arena will be improved with extra top soil and new grass. The two adjoining houses to the ground will be shifted for an extra car park. A new cyclone fence will be erected facing Collier Street and the North side of the ground. Extra rooms will be built for the referees and the linesmen. Two more floodlights will be erected to the north and south sites of the ground.

A sub committee already has been elected to look after the two junior teams, one under the age of 16 and one under the age of 14. The committee is hoping within the next two or three years to have some of thsee juniors promoted into the first team. The juniors today are the cream and the future for each and every one club to promote Soccer in the State and in Australia in general.

Each State League Club must consider the importance of these juniors as well as all the other clubs too.

The Macedonian community of Melbourne and Victoria, the supporters of the club and all the lovers of the code congratulate the club for the big step into the State League.—P. Daniels, secretary.

WHERE'S BOB?

Alexander are trying to trace star right winger Bob Sharp, who is believed to be working in the Morwell district. They want him for their vital match this week-end. If anyone knows his whereabouts they should ring 35 7806.

A spectacular long-range plan to foster interest in Soccer with a view to developing the game far beyond today's status, has been organised by the Mt. Busby Soccer Club, Green Valley, near Liverpool, N.S.W.

A four-day under seven competition arranged for September 10, 11, 17 and 18 at the John Bland Oval, Mt. Pritchard East, has attracted already 100 teams from the metropolitan area.

They will compete for the Chandris Lines trophy, and next year the competition will go national.

Two teams yet to be selected will visit Melbourne during Labor Day week-end to introduce it to Victoria.

It had been intended that the trophy would be competed for annually by NSW teams, but Mr. George N. Pilavidis (pictured) owner's representative and director of Chandris Lines (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., consented today to an official request that it be devoted from next year for annual national competition. It is anticipated that in 1967 there will be a secondary age category, probably under-nine.

Presenting the trophy to club officials and team captains, Mr. Pilavidis said he was pleased that his company was able to make this gesture to a growing sport.

He was delighted, he said, that public-spirited men were taking the trouble to train juniors in a manner which not only would fit them better for a sport growing in popularity, but which would keep them off the streets and keep them together under organised supervision.

CHANDRIS TROPHY

The organising committee consists of Messrs. Ted Shelford (manager), John Madden (secretary) and Harry Skilbeck, and Mrs. Shelford, of Green Valley.

Under the rules of the competition, players to be eligible must not have turned seven by January 1, 1966.

HAKOAH COULD WIN THIS ONE

HAKOAH has a splendidly balanced team whose only weakness is poor finishing in front of goal.

Apia's defence can be a trifle shaky in comparison.

But its forward line has players such as Johnny Giacometti and John Watkiss who are a danger from as far as 30 yards out.

They have scored 32 goals between them so far in the premiership series.

It all boils down to an intriguing struggle in Sunday's round robin play off to decide which of the top four teams will qualify for the grand final.

I fancy Apia to win because its goal-hungry forwards can shoot with a far greater accuracy and power than those of Hakoah.

Giacometti, who has lost a little of the anger in his heart, is going to take the field with the confidence which comes from being Sydney's leading goal scorer for the season.

A lot is going to depend on whether he and Watkiss can elude the clutches of Hakoah's commanding figure of a centre-half Allan Marnoch.

Marnoch, a much improved player this year, is strong in the tackle and almost unbeatable in the air.

The match should provide a delightful spectacle for the crowd because both teams play an attractive style of football with cool, simple lead-up work toward the goal.

Hakoah has been able to coast along through the second half of the competition and continue to win matches even though dozens of scoring opportunities have been thrown away.

★ *Alan Marnoch, Hakoah's centre half. . . . can he gain the ascendency over Apia's dangerous forward line led by Johnny Giacometti?*

But such chances are not going to be easy to come by against a team such as Apia although there are going to be plenty of occasions when Hakoah pulls an opposing defender out of position.

Apia's defence has a couple of spots in which it can be a trifle shaky in the opening minutes and this is where a player such as Gerry Hood or David Reid could be seen to advantage.

Hakoah will have to be careful of the way in which Apia's right-back Cliff van Blerk shows an attacking flair by coming up the wing just as you saw England's George Cohen and Ray Wilson do in the World Cup finals.

Van Blerk's ability to make the extra man in an attacking move has paved the way for a number of Apia's goals in recent matches.

But he would be taking a big risk in venturing so far out of position if he did not have a player such as Pat Hughes to be "covering" the vacant spot if van Blerk lost the ball.

The teams have been opposed on three occasions this year with Apia winning on two occasions by 1-0 and 3-1 and the other game ending in a 1-all draw.

Perhaps it will be Hakoa's turn.

APIA	13	1	4	55	16	30
HAKOAH	12	3	3	43	19	27
ST. GEO.-BUDAPEST	9	6	3	49	27	21
SOUTH COAST	7	7	4	31	25	18
Pan Hellenic	7	7	4	36	34	18
Prague	7	8	3	30	49	17
Croatia	5	8	5	19	41	15
Yugal	5	9	4	24	38	14
Cumberland United	4	11	3	30	41	11
Corinthian	2	11	5	14	41	9

THE SYDNEY GAMES

First series of matches at Sydney Sports Ground in round robin play off to decide teams for grand final:

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST v. SOUTH COAST, at 1.15 p.m.

APIA v. HAKOAH, at 3 p.m.

Aussies make good players

By MARTIN ASTON

I am getting sick and tired of pointing out that the Australian born boy can be just as good at Soccer as the overseas importation if only he's given the proper encouragement.

The majority of clubs are content to ignore such a point.

But another example has occurred in Sydney where two Australian-born players, Ron Giles, of Croatia, and John Warren, of St. George Budapest, have tied for first place in "The Sydney Morning Herald's" best and fairest player competition.

The will share the first and second prize-money amounting to $1200.

The pair toured South-east Asia at the end of last year with Australia's World Cup team and act as captain of their respective club teams.

Giles, whose red hair is matched in Soccer circles only by that of the Herald's enthusiastic Soccer writer Phil Wilkins, came from Newcastle this year to join the Croatia club.

His capacity to fight and chase for every ball, even when things are not going right, has made him a great favourite with Sydney crowds.

The same applies to Warren.

He is one of the finest young men in sport and made a typically unselfish gesture when he gave up a chance of playing for Australia and N.S.W. against A.S. Roma.

He told the selectors that he was not properly fit due to University studies and did not want to be considered for a place in either squad.

He would have been a certain choice.

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Frank Sbisa reports...

WRONG PAYOLA. The report in a daily newspaper that a Pan Hellenic supporter had offered a pecuniary incentive to South Sydney Croatia players to beat Prague did not have the desired effect. Whilst S.S. Croatia players could have tried anyway they are on a substantial win bonus) it apears that the supporter picked the wrong team and should have concentrated on the Hakoah - Sth. Coast match. The coalminers rose admirably to the occasion and could easily upset St. George next week.

AUSTRALIA CUP IN DANGER. Unless the structure of the Australia Cup competition is altered there is a good chance that it will die a natural death. Already some States are not in favour of participating. No sponsor has been found (do you blame them?) and no draw has been made. Naturally, it will again be a rushed decision ending in a shameful shamble. This year it will be the third time APIA has a crack at it. Who knows, this might be the right time.

THE GREAT CHALLENGE. South Sydney Croatia have challenged the mighty APIA to a match after the grand final, winner take all. The Croatia boys have collected three out of four points in the two previous encounters and feel they can do it again. If Apia accepts (Federation permitting) the South Sydney Croatia club might be in for a shock. Whether the game is played, morning, afternoon or night, I know which club I'll back.

YUGAL'S Annual Ball will be held on Saturday, 10th Sept., 1966, at Sydney Town Hall. The ball is under the patronage of the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman J. Armstrong, and promises to be a swinging affair. Tickets $4.00 each, includes supper, floor show, etc., and are obtainable by ringing the Secretary, M. Kovacevic, on 98 7252 or 97 1856.

SILENT WHISTLES. A very serious situation has developed between the Referees branch and the Federation's Management Committee. The Referees body has endured for a great number of years, accidental attacks as part and parcel of the game. Rather a foolish decision, reached possibly by a predominant inferiority complex. The time factor combined with an ever-increasing number of attacks has converted this complex into a more positive and realistic approach.

I don't think the referees request is unreasonable. All they want is protection, firstly by the Federation and, secondly, by the clubs. If the clubs cannot control their spectators, then the matches will be played behind closed gates. I don't agree however with the decision not to supply referees to clubs if the Federation doesn't take drastic action against an offending club.

Wanting protection is one thing, dictating action is something different. I know one thing for certain — if the Federation doesn't provide this protection it won't have any referees to worry about.

WHAT HOPE IS THERE? Last week I reported that the APIA Social club and the APIA Soccer club were on the verge of joining forces. I also reported that the Soccer club president, Eddie Provera, was a "persona on grata" of the Social club.

Another very curious situation has now developed. A member of the Soccer club committee is apparently under a six months' suspension and can only enter the club for meetings of the soccer club under escort of a social club official. At the completion of the meeting, the member is then escorted outside. Can anybody tell me how on earth these two committees ever hope to see eye to eye.

To cap it all, the soccer club president, Eddie Provera, won his election with a "let's form another independent social club" campaign.

Next week's final play-off predictions:

St. George - Sth. Coast United 2.

Apia - Hakoah 1.

Cheerio till next week.

Bubbly for the Coast

It was chicken and champagne for South Coast players after they had surprised everybody by qualifying for the final four.

Sid Fairs, secretary-manager of Woonona Sports Club, was so excited by South Coast's thrilling fight back that he put on a lavish spread for players and officials when they had got back from Sydney.

"They did us proud," he said after the game.

South Coast's successful gamble in throwing out a group of star players and giving a chance to a number of virtually unknown local juniors should be a lesson to every other first division club in Sydney and Melbourne.

The only importations in last Sunday's first team were the full-back pair of Adriain Ringlands and Pat Woods, centre-half Jim Harris and centre - forward Charlie Dickson.

The rest of the team was comprised of local youngsters who had learned their football in the old coal-mining area of the South Coast.

ST. ALBANS TO MEET SOON

St. Albans hold a special meeting for members only on Sunday, September 11, at 3 p.m. at St. Albans Public Hall.

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Altona's shock Cup win

● Metropolitan round-up with Martyn Harris

ALTONA, the club whose ambition is the State League in three or four years, caused a major upset when they beat Triestina 4-3, in the Dockerty Cup.

With Altona finishing fifth from the bottom in the Third Division and Triestina a First Division side, it looked a cake-walk but this was not to be.

Billy Wilkie, with a drive from close-range, gave Altona a half-time lead.

Altona brought on Ziggy Jablonski after the interval and he made it 2-0 with a fine solo effort after 50 minutes.

But then Triestina fought with a vengeance. At 51 minutes they reduced arrears from a penalty and 30 seconds later equalised.

They kept up the pressure and went into the lead at 60 minutes.

Altona were not to be outdone and one minute later Jim Black levelled the scores with a great goal from 18 yards.

Then came the winner five minutes later when Jim Black scored his second.

The game kept spectators on their toes throughout and referee Mr. Alexandrou was first-class.

Altona now play Slavia in the first round proper.

Box Hill had to pull out all the stops to defeat Bayswater 3-0 after extra time.

The Hillmen underestimated Bayswater in the poor conditions.

It was a hard game with the score 0-0 at 90 minutes but then experience and skill told.

With goals from Johnny Baugh (2) and Wally Clarke, the Hillmen put themselves into the next round and now play Alexander. Best players for Box Hill were Johnny Baugh and Alan Voce both of whom are having a fine season.

FIRST DIVISION

Sandringham beat Libertas 5-4 but they nearly let the game slip from their grasp.

With a 4-0 lead at half-time it looked all over and even at 5-1 the Hammers appeared to have no worries.

But then they became over-confident and relaxed.

The Hammers' goals came from David Thorp (2), George Drda (2), and Brian Laughton, a penalty.

Libertas centre-half received his marching orders during the game.

Best players for Sandringham, George Drda, Brian Blacow and Tom Dimmock. For Libertas, Paddy Sloan, their captain-coach who is still very fit.

ARMSTRONG CUP

Box Hill beat Austria 1-0 in a hard tussle. The only goal came from veteran full-back Tommy White, who raced upfield to hammer the ball home from 40 yards.

Sunshine City retained their unbeaten record when they easily beat Sandringham 5-0.

It wasn't so much that City played well, but the Hammers were well below par. City's goals came from Ray Pocock (3), and Mickey Bannigan (2).

The game was well handled by referee David Yelland.

Another game that went to extra time was the match between Glenroy and St. Albans which ended with St. Albans winning 5-3, the score being 2-2 at 90 minutes.

The Saints' goals came from Hans Hermann (2), Breitwieser (2), and Sest. Other results: Brighton 1, Altona 3; Alexander 0, Park Rangers 5.

DISCIPLINARY

Georgiadis (Olympic) received a two-game penalty for kicking an opponent in a match against Keilor.

Milsud (Glenroy) got six weeks for swinging his feet and kicking mud at the referee.

Another Glenroy player to get a severe penalty was P. Tellus who received six games for violent conduct and abusive language.

Prahran club received a reprimand for not supplying the official team sheet in the game against Springvale.

Hercules' captain, V. Vittelane, was charged with having kicked referee Bailey. The charge which was adjourned from last week was not proven but it was proved that the referee was kicked and the club was fined $100.

Alec McLaren (Chelsea) received a four game penalty on a charge of having struck an opponent in the match against Lilydale.

In the same game Bruno Sette (Lilydale) was found guilty of striking an opponent and was given three games plus three games on bond.

This game was abandoned after 65 minutes following a brawl involving 50 people, three quarters of which were Lilydale supporters. Both clubs were charged with the abandonment of this game.

Lilydale, being the home team, were found to be responsible for their supporters' behavior and received a severe reprimand. The charge against Chelsea was not proven.

The decision as to whether the score of 4-3 in favor of Chelsea will stand, will not be known until later this week following a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee.

There is also a protest pending against St. Kilda, by Chelsea for playing an unregistered player under a wrong name.

Last week's meeting was the 23rd this season of the Disciplinary Committee who now consists of four members, Messrs. Charles Hay (chairman), Ted Lezon, E. Duck and John Pick.

CLUB NEWS

Park Rangers trophies for 1966 were presented at their recent cabaret night at the Olympic Room. The senior award went to Hans Klingener for a fine season in goal and the reserves award was won by centre half Eddie McLean. Votes were awarded by referees following each game.

The club's appreciation goes to Mr. Jack Sinclair for donating the trophies.

Sunshine City have sold all tickets for the ball, so it looks like a popular night coming up.

Sandringham will hold their annual club dinner/dance at the Brighton Club Hotel, on September 14. Tickets can be obtained from Tom Dimmock, at 301 Bay Rd., Sandringham.

The Hammers play Moorabbin on September 10, for their annual cup which they have held for the past three years.

● Will club secretaries and publicity officers please ring me this Sunday, at Soccer House, on 94 4708, between 10-11 a.m. with any news items.

Cheerio till next week.

A RARE FEAT

In the four years John Oliphant has been associated with Slavia Port Melbourne, he hasn't known the club to score six goals until their six against Wilhelmina.

He said the club netted five against Melbourne last year and five against Juventus the year before, but never six.

"At last our forwards realize that they've got to strike," he said.

"This is the only way to get goals."

The Slavia chairman said Bill Savage had only played four games this season. He received a serious thigh injury which took three months to heal.

Then he came back with a vengeance and scored two of his team's six against Wilhelmina.

Mike Jurecki did not start too well with the club but at last he's found form.

Against Wilhelmina he was his old self and won honors as the best man on the field.

Junior results

Results of Cup Matches Played last Saturday.

Under 16 Cup Quarter-Finals

Lions-Essendon 0 lost to East St. Albans-Sokil 5 (Lobczuk 2, Halela 2, Watkins). Best — Lions: O. Koval, S. Bodnar, J. Smith; Sokil: F. Attard, C. Schnider, P. Rojek.

Melbourne 2 (Birtig, Harvey) d. Ardeer 1 (Wasiak). Best — Melbourne: Wallace, Hana, Birtig; Ardeer: Rollnik, T. Kozara, Klimecki B.

Footscray - J.U.S.T. 2 (Todorovic 2) d. Monash 0. Best — J.U.S.T.: J. Evans, D. Milisavljevic, E. Lindberg; Monash: Plavins, Fletcher, Lang.

Croatia 1 d. Fortuna-Yallourn 0.

Under 14 Cup Quarter-finals

Footscray - J.U.S.T. 3 (Mystakidis, Frantzeskos, Divitarov) d. Frankston 1 (Monty). Best — J.U.S.T.: H. Van der Poel, D. Rigg, P. Distefano; Frankston: B. Monty, H. de Keuver, C. Andrews.

Moe United 0 lost to Keilor City 7 (Bialek 2, Klain 2, Kokot, Neirobicz, Gauchi). (Keilor City players are delighted by wonderful reception at Moe, Latrobe Valley).

S.M. - Hellas 4 (Papazoglou 2, Karatzopoulos, Davidson) d. Melbourne 3. Best — Hellas: K. Davidson, R. Menegatti, K. Ploudias.

Monash 3 d. George Cross 2 (C. Deguera, D. Semini) after extra-time.

Under 12 Cup Quarter-finals

Ardeer 3 (Slwinski 2, Sickorski) d. Fortuna 0. Best — Ardeer: G. Rewkiewicz, S. Slwinski, J. Niemczyk; Fortuna: Van Vleet, Heremans, J. Gilfillen.

Wilhelmina 7 d. Altona 3 (P. Reardon, Little, Micevski). Best — Altona: B. Douglas, M. Micevski, I. Hughes.

Broadmeadows 2 (Donald, Tate) d. Moe United 0. Best — Broadmeadows: M. Escort, A. Donald, D. Tate; Moe: J. Freeman, M. Burnett, K. Cassady.

Under 12 Western Suburbs League

Newport 2 (Coppola 2) d. Sunshine City "B" 0. Best — Newport: A. Coppola, V. Mierzwa, S. Skalka; City "B": J. O'Brien, A. Norris, D. Ceeney.

Sunshine City "A" 6 (Buttigieg, Wilson, N. Spiteri, Collins, Banagan, Mussel) d. Sunshine Heights 1 (Zammit). Best — City "A": P. Wilson, J. Spiteri, N. Spiteri.

West Altona S.S. 2 (S. Hayes, Knapton) d. Brooklyn 1. Best—West Altona: S. Hayes, R. Dunlop, F. Mock.

Footscray - J.U.S.T. 2 (Goodchild 2) d. Ardeer 1 (Slwinski). Best—J.U.S.T.: M. Jovic, S. Goodchild, B. Roberts; Ardeer: S. Slwinski, D. Silvagni, K. Sickorski.

Keilor City 0 lost to Altona 2 (Little 2). Best — Keilor City: P. Sejmieniuga, S. Karbanenko, L. Wanleeuwen; Altona: M. Micevski, E. Kapellis, A. Spencer.

Croatia 1 lost to Sunshine South 3 (P. Flavell 2, Boudrie). Best — South: P. Flavell, W. Flavell, G. Ross.

Standing: Sunshine City "A" 30 points, Altona 27, Sunshine Heights 24, Keilor City 22, Ardeer 21, J.U.S.T. 18, Newport 17, Sunshine City "B" 15, West Altona S.S. 12, Brooklyn 5, Sunshine South 5, Croatia 2.

GREYHOUND RACING

Olympic Park Monday Night

Fields for the greyhound racing at Olympic Park on Monday:— RIVER STAKE 560 Yds.: Brown Top, New Veneer, Key Pilot, Maraguita, Princess Marion, Magic Zephyr, Brindisi Lass, Freddo Frog. Res.: April Chant. RIVER STAKE, 560 Yds.: Mary Lorraine, Floydon, Herne The Hunter, Botanic Star, Dragnil, Tip's Turn, Nevada Rocket, Roaming Chief. Res.: Miss Halroc. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Elimination Event 1) 560 yds.: Miss Impala, Fawn Nulla, Cheltenham Lass, Worthing, Loyal Princess, Cantab, Glacier Lady, Sean's Lad. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Elimination Event 2), 560 Yds.: Kinta's Son, Top Bracket, Hadlon, Chief Anama, Shan's Paree, Stylistic, Ford Zephyr, Jasina. SWAN STAKE 560 Yds.: Instant Action, Range Along, Don't Be Late, Wasia View, Precious Return, Honest Reward, Reltuc, Hoodwinker. Res.: Branston Rocket. CHAIRMANS HDCP. 800 Yds.: Gold Assam (6), Idle Fair, Babe's Double (7), Siesta Girl, Gonzales, He's a Gem, Lady Elite, Prang (8). CHAIRMANS HURDLE 560 Yds.: Zephyr Speed (1), Arrow Sign, Surety (8), Costly, Syrian Shadow, Pine Jack (9), Uncle Russ, Cheeky Ned (10). Res.: Rare Spinner (10). JUVENILE STAKE, 560 Yds.: Murph's Pal, Julie Brown, Sharlee, Meteter, Branded, Top Ovation, Darra John, Valetta City. Res.: Chiastra. BATMAN STAKE, 800 Yds.: Te Mana Lady, Joyoro, Karos, Royal Harmony, Hoani, Mischievous Red, Spotted Pursuit, Scarlet Opal. Res.: Our Shan. RIVER STAKE, 560 Yds.: Counterfeiter, Worthy Witch (NSW), Nancy Colette, Nella Dan, Southern District, Sharyn's Pal, Miss Castro, Queen Haleka. Res.: Clearing.

LONGTAIL SELECTS

1. Key Pilot
2. Floydon
3. Cheltenham Lass
4. Kinta's Son
5. Precious Return
6. Babes Double
7. Pine Jack
8. Murph's Pal
9. Spotted Pursuit
10. Worthy Witch

SANDOWN THURSDAY

Race	Selection	Place	Race	Selection	Place
1	MAGIC ZEPHYR	1	6	JASINA	1
	Kallodent	2		Glacier Lady	2
	Estella Rose	3		Chief Anama	3
2	BABE'S DOUBLE	1	7	MUNICH BOY	1
	Blondie Anna	2		Miss Gayle	2
	Siesta Girl	3		Ririka	3
3	HOW GORGEOUS	1	8	BOLD CHARMER	1
	Jud's View	2		Bubble's Heir	2
	Tilter	3		Paladur	3
4	DARK DANE	1	9	RE PETITE	1
	Mary Melva	2		Silver Title	2
	San Barn	3		Fast Rebel	3
5	WORTHING	1	10	CRISTALA	1
	Cheltenham Lass	2		Queen Haleka	2
	Cantab	3		Shine Man	3

BEST BETS: MAGIC ZEPHYR, BABE'S DOUBLE, JASINA.

PLACE TOTE: Kallodent, Blondie Anna, Glacier Lady.

QUINELLA: Magic Zephyr-Kallodent; Babe's Double-Blondie Anna.

TAB DOUBLE: HOW GORGEOUS (2)-JASINA (1).

● Fields in TAB and starting-box order. TAB for first race closes at 7 p.m., for 2nd race at 7.20, and all other races, including daily double (races 3 and 6) at 7.30.

1. — 7.40, IMPROVERS, 555 yd.
1—312 Estella Rose
2—131 Magic Zephyr
3—153†Kallodent
4—422 Bramforth
5—613 Skye Star
6—311 Kirby Grip
7—756†Dual Streak
8—546 Botanic Star

2. — 8.00, RAILWAY, 785 yd.
1—322*Blondie Anna
2—313 Siesta Girl
3—447*Tambo Princess
4—212*Babe's Double
5—142 Tip's Turn
6—667 Miss Pulfor
7—425†Heroic Stone
8—517*Cardinia's Lass
9—PUPU†Bondally, res

3. — 8.20, HEATHERTON 785 yd.
● First leg of TAB double closes 7.30 p.m.
1—233 Our Shan
2—464 How Gorgeous
3—114 Jud's View
4—410*Scarlet Opal
5—341 Brown Top
6—454 Flashatta
7—175 Gayetian
8—221†Tilter

4. — 8.40, OAKLEIGH (1), 555 yd.
1—354 Buona Sera
2—115 Instant Action
3—764 Gold Fashion
4—443 Rio Wonder
5—860*Princess Pura
6—562 Mary Melva
7—854 Dark Dane
8—733†San Barn
9—F56 Miralgo, res.

5. — 9.00, $10,000 NATIONAL CHAM., Heat (1), 555 yd.
1—463 Kinta's Son
2—636 Shan's Paree
3—134 Fawn Nulla
4—113 Worthing
5—212 Cantab
6—335 Miss Impala
7—624 Cheltenham Lass
8—272 Sean's Lad

6. — 9.20, NATIONAL CHAM., Heat (2). 555 yd.
● Second leg of TAB double.
1—311 Jasina
2—132 Ford Zephyr
3—221 Glacier Lady
4—321 Top Bracket
5—111 Chief Anama
6—122 Hadlon
7—243 Loyal Princess
8—245 Stylistic

7. — 9.40, JUVENILE, 555 yd.
1— 33†Prairie Magic
2—521 Miss Gayle
3—381 Teppo Flash
4—157 Munich Boy
5—441 Ririka
6— Highway Candy
7—532 Elm Street
8—426 Yelhsa
9—841 Bourke's Law, res.

8. — 10.02, OAKLEIGH (2), 555 yd.
1—202 Sweet Vivianne
2 143 Bubble's Heir
3—646 Lady Chelpark
4—831 Paladur
5—148 Swiftest Lady
6—352* Bold Charmer
7—521 Reltuc
8—321 Silver Vatine
9—111*Ipswich Lands (Tas.), res.

9. — 10.20, OAKLEIGH (3), 555 yd.
1—213 Dottern
2—234 Silver Title
3—422 Waverley Chief
4— 11 Re Petite (NSW)
5—272 Fast Rebel
6—651 Castle Felice
7—814 Orange Time
8—314 Rocky Rogue
9—656 Farrago's Gem, res.

10. — 10.38, OAKLEIGH (4), 555 yd.
1—F16†Cristala
2—168 Shine Man
3—468 Cousin Rachel
4—675 Idle Wonder
5—358 Channing
6—171 Queen Haleka
7—851†Dollar's Galore
8—624†Piker
9—756 Miss Halroc, res.

*— Engaged Olympic Park Monday.
†— Engaged Geelong Tuesday.

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LAST WEEK-END IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

		FIRST DIVISION HOME					AWAY					
				Goals					Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Burnley	3	2	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	2	1	6
Arsenal	3	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	1	6
Sheff W	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	5
Chelsea	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	5

● TOMMY BALDWIN'S goal (right) shot Arsenal to joint-leadership of the First Division —their best start to a season since 1947-48. But there's more action planned from Highbury. The first target: a full-back.

POOLS CHECK

This chart shows the complete treble chance results for Littlewoods, Empire and Vernons. Nos. 1 to 53 apply to Copes and Nos. 1-52 apply to Soccer and Zetters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	2	X	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
X	1	1	2	1	1	X	1	1	X	2	X	1	2	1	1	1	1

37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
2	1	2	X	1	1	X	2	1	X	1	1	1	2	2	X	1	1

(Half-time scores in brackets)

DIVISION I

ARSENAL .... (1)....1 ASTON V. ... (0)....0
Baldwin
26,762

BLACKPOOL ... (0)....2 SOUTH'PTON . (2)....3
Charnley, Lea
Davies, Chivers 2
15,258

CHELSEA ...... (0)....0 SHEFF. W. ... (0)....0
33,409

EVERTON .... (2)....3 LIVERPOOL ... (1)....1
Ball 2, Brown
Smith
64,318

LEEDS .... (2)....3 MAN. UTD. ... (0)....1
Madeley, Reaney, Lorimer
Best
45,092

LEICESTER ... (2)....5 WEST HAM ... (0)....4
Dougan, Sinclair 3, Goodfellow
Brabrook 2, Hurst 2
26,850

MAN. CITY .. (0)....1 SUNDERLAND .. (0)....0
Oakes
34,948

NEWCASTLE .. (0)....0 SPURS .... (1)....2
35,760
Robertson, Mackay

SHEFF. UTD. . (1)....1 NOTTM. F. ... (2)....2
Reece
Baker, Storey-Moore
16,047

STOKE .... (1)....1 FULHAM ..... (0)....2
Vernon
Leggatt, Clarke
28,000

W B A .... (1)....1 BURNLEY ..... (1)....2
Lovett
O'Neill 2
21,101

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	HOME	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
3	2	0	0	7	0	Burnley	1	0	0	2	1	6
3	2	0	0	3	1	Arsenal	1	0	0	3	1	6
3	1	0	0	3	0	Sheff. W.	1	1	0	1	0	5
3	1	1	0	2	1	Chelsea	1	0	0	2	1	5
3	2	0	0	3	1	Man. C.	0	1	0	1	1	5
3	1	0	1	4	3	Everton	1	0	0	1	0	4
3	1	0	1	3	2	Stoke	1	0	0	2	1	4
3	1	0	0	3	1	Spurs	1	0	1	2	2	4
3	2	0	0	5	2	Leeds	0	0	1	1	3	4
3	1	0	0	5	3	Man. U.	1	0	1	3	4	4
3	1	0	0	5	4	Leicester	0	1	1	3	4	3
3	0	1	0	1	1	South'pton	1	0	1	3	4	3
3	0	0	1	0	2	Newcastle	1	1	0	2	1	3
3	0	0	1	1	2	Nott'm F.	1	0	1	3	3	2
3	1	0	1	3	3	Sunderland	0	0	1	0	1	2
3	1	0	0	3	2	Liverpool	0	0	2	2	5	2
3	0	0	1	0	1	Fulham	1	0	1	2	4	2
3	0	1	1	3	4	Blackpool	0	0	1	0	3	1
3	0	1	1	1	2	A. Villa	0	0	1	0	1	1
3	0	0	1	1	2	W. Ham	0	0	2	5	7	0
3	0	0	1	1	2	W B A	0	0	2	4	7	0
3	0	0	2	1	3	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	1	0	4	0

CENTRAL LEAGUE: A. Villa 1, Chesterfield 1; Barnsley 1, Newcastle 3; Burnley 2, West Brom 0; Bury 1, Stoke 3; Derby 2, Bolton 1; Huddersfield 5, Blackpool 0; Liverpool 2, Everton 1; Man. Utd. 1, Leeds 1; Preston 2, Sheff. Utd. 1; Sheff. Wed. 2 Blackburn 3; Wolves 4, Man. City 0.

HIGHEST SCORE—6 Queen of South.
HIGHEST AGGREGATE—9 Leicester 5, West Ham 4.
Total goals scored in English League and Scottish League Cup matches: 165

DIVISION II

BIRMINGHAM (2)....2 NORWICH .... (0)....1
Vowden, Murray
Curran
26,846

BLACKBURN .. (0)....2 C. PALACE ... (1)....1
McEvoy 2
Woodruff
15,015

BOLTON ...... (3)....3 DERBY C. .... (1)....1
Lee (pen.), Bromley, Napier
Thomas
11,494

BRISTOL C. ... (1)....1 CARDIFF ..... (1)....2
Low
Toshak (pen.), Andrews
11,911

CARLISLE ..... (0)....2 HUDDERSF'D . (0)....1
Carlin 2
Parkin
10,322

HULL .... (1)....2 BURY .... (0)....0
Wagstaff 2
20,438

IPSWICH ...... (3)....3 WOLVES .... (1)....1
Hegan 2, Brogan
McIlmoyle
17,210

MILLWALL ... (0)....0 CHARLTON .... (0)....0
20,364

NORTH'PTON . (2)....3 ROTHERHAM (1)....1
Martin, Best 2
Galley
13,954

PLYMOUTH ... (0)....1 PRESTON ...... (0)....0
Reynolds
15,430

PORTSMOUTH (0)....0 COVENTRY .... (1)....2
16,297
Clements, Gould

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	HOME	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
3	2	0	0	6	1	Ipswich	1	0	0	2	0	6
3	2	0	0	4	2	Blackburn	1	0	0	3	2	6
3	1	0	0	2	1	Birmingham	2	0	0	7	5	6
3	1	1	0	5	3	Bolton	1	0	0	1	0	5
3	2	0	0	5	2	Plym'th	0	0	1	0	1	4
3	1	0	0	4	2	C. Palace	1	0	1	2	2	4
3	1	0	0	1	0	Coventry	1	0	1	4	4	4
3	1	0	0	3	1	Rotherham	0	1	1	3	5	3
3	1	1	0	2	1	Carlisle	0	0	1	2	4	3
2	1	0	0	2	0	Hull	0	0	1	0	1	2
2	1	0	0	3	1	North'pton	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	1	0	0	2	1	Preston	0	0	1	0	1	2
2	0	0	1	0	2	Cardiff	1	0	0	2	1	2
3	1	0	0	2	0	Huddersf'ld	0	0	2	1	5	2
2	1	0	0	1	0	Bury	0	0	1	0	2	2
3	0	0	2	4	7	Portsmouth	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	0	0	1	2	3	Derby	0	1	1	1	3	1
2	0	1	0	0	0	Norwich	0	0	1	1	2	1
3	0	0	1	0	1	Charlton	0	1	1	1	2	1
2	0	1	0	0	0	Millwall	0	0	1	1	3	1
2	0	0	1	1	2	Wolves	0	0	1	1	3	0
3	0	0	2	1	3	Bristol C.	0	0	1	0	2	0

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Alfreton 2, Worksop 3; Belper 1, Sutton 1; Lincoln 1, Goole 3; Lockheed 4, Skegness 1; Long Eaton 0, Gainsborough 2; Matlock 1, Ilkeston 2; Scarborough 4, Stamford 0; Scunthorpe 5, Spalding 0.

KENT PREMIER: Bexley 6, Deal 1; Canterbury 2, Ashford 3; Folkestone 2, Ramsgate 2; Margate 6, Tonbridge 0; Sheppey 0, Snowdon 1; Sittingbourne 2, Faversham 1; Tunbridge Wells 3, Orpington 2.

ISTHMIAN: Barking 0, Sutton 3; Clapton 2, Wealdstone 1; Cor. Cas. 1, Ilford 1; Enfield 0 Tooting 3; Hitchin 1, Bromley 1; Kingstonian 1, Wycombe 0; Leytonstone 0, St. Albans 1; Oxford 2, Maidstone 0; Walthamstow 3, Dulwich 2; Woking 0, Hendon 2.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE: Ashington 5, Middlesbro' 2; Bradford 0, Sth. Shields 4; Darlington 2, Hull 2; Rotherham 1, Carlisle 2; Sunderland 5, Gateshead 3.

DIVISION III

BOURNEM'TH (1)....2 OLDHAM ..... (0)....1
McKechnie, Pound
Bowie
6,224

DONCASTER . (1)....2 TORQUAY .... (1)....1
Sheffield, Jeffrey
Stubbs
11,539

GILLINGHAM . (1)....1 WORKINGTON (1)....1
Meredith
Oliver
8,408

GRIMSBY ..... (2)....3 WALSALL ..... (0)....1
Worthington, Hill, Fielding
Pace
5,883

L. ORIENT ... (1)....3 SCUNTHORPE . (0)....1
Price, Metchick, Whitehouse
Ash
5,475

MANSFIELD .. (0)....0 PETERBORO .. (0)....0
6,326

MIDDLESBRO' (1)....1 BRISTOL R. ... (0)....2
Irvine
Jarman, Plumb
10,658

READING ..... (0)....1 BRIGHTON ... (0)....1
Foster
Wilkinson
8,088

SHREWSBURY (1)....2 COLCHESTER . (1)....1
Boardman, Wood
Stratton
4,819

SWANSEA ..... (0)....0 OXFORD UTD. (1)....1
Buck
9,752

SWINDON ..... (2)....4 DARLINGTON . (0)....0
Butler, Brown, Weaver, Rogers (pen)
10,855

WATFORD ..... (1)....1 Q P R .... (0)....0
Scullion
9,957

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	HOME	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
2	1	0	0	4	0	Swindon	0	1	0	2	2	3
2	0	1	0	0	0	Mansfield	1	0	0	2	1	3
2	0	1	0	1	1	Oxford	1	0	0	1	0	3
2	1	0	0	2	1	Bournem'th	0	1	0	1	1	3
2	0	1	0	1	1	Gillingham	1	0	0	2	1	3
2	1	0	0	2	1	Workingt'n	0	1	0	1	1	3
2	1	0	0	2	1	Shrewsbury	0	1	0	2	2	3
2	0	1	0	3	3	Bristol R.	1	0	0	2	1	3
2	1	0	0	2	1	Doncaster	0	1	0	3	3	3
2	1	0	0	3	0	Torquay	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	1	0	0	3	1	Oldham	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	1	0	0	3	1	Grimsby	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	1	0	0	1	0	Watford	0	0	1	0	1	2
2	0	1	0	3	3	Peterboro'	0	1	0	0	0	2
2	0	1	0	2	2	Brighton	0	1	0	1	1	2
2	1	0	0	3	1	L. Orient	0	0	1	1	3	2
2	0	0	1	1	2	Middlesbro'	1	0	0	3	2	2
2	1	0	0	1	0	Darl'gton	0	0	1	0	4	2
2	0	1	0	2	2	Q P R	0	0	1	0	1	1
2	0	0	1	0	1	Swansea	0	1	0	3	3	1
2	0	1	0	1	1	Reading	0	0	1	0	3	1
2	0	0	1	2	3	Colchester	0	1	0	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	1	2	Scunthorpe	0	0	1	1	2	0
2	0	0	1	1	2	Walsall	0	0	1	1	3	0

SOUTHERN LEAGUE—Premier Div.: Bedford 2, Cheltenham 0; Gambridge C. 1, Corby 4; Chelmsford 1, Kings Lynn 1; Guildford 1, Hereford 1; Nuneaton 2, Combridge U. 1; Poole 0, Folkestone 1; Romford 0, Barnet 0; Wellington 4, Bath 0; Weymouth 0, Hillingdon 1; Wimbledon 2, Yeovil 0; Worcester 3, Burton 1. **First Div.**: Ashford 4, Banbury 1; Crawley 4, Dartford 0; Dover 3, Bexley Utd. 0; Dunstable 0, Canterbury 1; Gloucester 0, Margate 1; Gravesend 4, Sittingbourne 2, Kettering 3, Tunbridge W. 1; Merthyr T. 3, Rugby 1; Ramsgate 2, Hastings 2; Stevenage 1, Trowbridge 0; Tonbridge 6, Hinckley 1; Wisbech 4, Barry 0.

DIVISION IV

BRAD. CITY .. (0)....1 TRANMERE ... (0)....0
Ingle
3,577

BRENTFORD .. (1)....1 LUTON .... (0)....0
Cobb
6,770

CHESTER ..... (0)....0 BRADFORD ... (2)....3
6,392
Hector, Gould 2

CHESTERF'LD . (2)....3 LINCOLN ..... (1)....1
Hollett, Bartley 2
Chapman
5,598

EXETER ..... (0)....0 SOUTHEND ... (1)....1
Baber
4,346

HALIFAX ..... (2)....2 ALDERSHOT .. (1)....2
Atkins 2
Howarth, Walton
1,907

HARTLEPOOLS (1)....2 WREXHAM .... (0)....1
Livingstone, Phythian
McLoughlin
5,641

NEWPORT .... (0)....2 BARNSLEY ... (0)....0
Parker (og), Winstanley (og)
2,939

NOTTS CO. .. (0)....0 PORT VALE ... (0)....0
5,648

ROCHDALE .... (0)....1 BARROW ...... (0)....3
Lister
Mallon, Mulholland, McAdams
2,752

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A	HOME	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
2	1	0	0	1	0	Brentford	1	0	0	1	0	4
2	1	0	0	4	1	Bradford	1	0	0	3	0	4
2	1	0	0	2	1	Southend	1	0	0	1	0	4
2	1	0	0	2	1	P. Vale	0	1	0	0	0	3
2	1	0	0	3	1	Chesterf'ld	0	1	0	1	1	3
2	1	0	0	3	1	Stockport	0	1	0	1	1	3
2	0	1	0	1	1	Barrow	1	0	0	3	1	3
2	1	0	0	2	0	Newport	0	1	0	2	2	3
2	1	0	0	2	1	Hartlepools	0	1	0	1	1	3
2	1	0	0	2	0	Luton	0	0	1	0	1	2
2	1	0	0	4	1	Southport	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	1	0	0	1	0	Bradford C.	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	0	1	0	1	1	Aldershot	0	1	0	2	2	[illegible]
2	1	0	0	2	1	Crewe	0	0	1	1	4	2
2	0	0	1	0	0	Exeter	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	0	1	0	0	0	Tranmere	0	0	1	0	1	1
2	0	1	0	0	0	Wrexham	0	0	1	1	2	1
2	0	1	0	2	2	Halifax	0	0	1	0	2	[illegible]
2	0	1	0	1	1	York	0	0	1	1	3	1
2	0	1	0	2	2	Lincoln	0	0	1	1	3	1
2	0	1	0	0	0	Notts. Co.	0	0	1	1	4	1
2	0	0	1	0	3	Chester	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	1	3	Rochdale	0	0	1	1	2	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	Barnsley	0	0	1	0	2	0

METROPOLITAN: Arsenal 7, Wimbledon 1; Barnet 3, Chatham 1; Brentwood 3, Stevenage 0; Crittall 3, Met. Police 0; Hatfield 1, Cray 3; Hillingdon Boro 1, Bury 3; Spurs 3, Bedford 2; West Ham 7, Chelmsford 1; Woodford 0, Sheppey 3.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP: Brighton 2, Bristol C. 0; Bristol R. 1, Bournemouth 2; Norwich 1, Ipswich 1; Nottm. F. 1, Leicester 0; Oxford Utd. 0, Birmingham 2; Peterboro' 1, Northampton 2; Spurs 4, Gillingham 0; Walsall 2, Notts Co. 0; West Ham 4, Fulham 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Barrow 33 pts., Bramley 7; Dewsbury 2, Bradford N. 12; Doncaster 30, Liverpool C. 21; Halifax 23, Widnes 10; Hull K.R. 16, Huddersfield 10; Leigh 19, York 15; Oldham 20, Hull 7; St. Helens 42, Salford 7; Swinton 12, Workington T. 15; Wakefield T. 19, Wigan 7; Warrington 15, Rochdale H. 11; Whitehaven 20, Blackpool B. 7.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

ALBION .... (1)....1 ALLOA .... (0)....0
Jenkins

AYR UTD. ..... (2)....2 BERWICK . ... (0)....0
Paterson, Hawkshaw

CELTIC .... (0)....3 HEARTS .... (0)....0
McBride 2 (1 pen.), Chalmers

COW'BEATH .. (0)....2 RAITH .... (0)....1
Clark 2
Stein

DUMBARTON . (1)....1 AIRDRIE .... (1)....2
Vietch (pen.)
Kelly (o.g.), Marshall

DUNDEE .... (1)....1 DUNDEE U. ... (0)....1
Penman
Hainey

EAST FIFE ... (0)....0 MORTON .... (0)....1
Mason

E. STIRLING . (1)....1 STEN'MUIR .. (0)....1
Hulston
Black

FORFAR .... (1)....1 BRECHIN ...... (0)....1
Matthews
Tulloch

HIBERNIAN .. (1)....3 RANGERS ...... (1)....2
Scott, McNamee, McGraw
McLean, A. Smith

MONTROSE ... (1)....2 HAMILTON ... (0)....0
Wallace, Falconer

MOTHERWELL (2) ...4 DUNF'MLINE . (3)....3
Gairney, Deans 2, R. McCullum (pen.)
Robertson, Hunter 2

PARTICK .... (0)....1 FALKIRK ...... (0)....0
Roxburgh

QUEEN OF S. . (3)....6 QUEEN'S PK. . (1)....1
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VICTORIAN GAMES

STATE LEAGUE
SATURDAY

LEXANDER v. JUVENTUS (Olympic Park): Armstrong, Wootten, Riches.

LAVIA v. FOOTSCRAY (Port Melbourne): Lamb, Pedler, Yelland, D.

M.-HELLAS v. WILHELMINA (Middle Park): Harrison, Bakens) Beck.

SUNDAY

ONS v. HAKOAH (Olympic Park): Maitland, Lucas, Randall.

ELBOURNE v. GEORGE CROSS (Elsternwick Park): Delange, Dixon, Connell.

OLONIA v. CROATIA (Schintler Reserve): Bartolo, Verniers, Turner.

FIRST DIVISION — SATURDAY

AKLEIGH v. LIBERTAS: Molloy, Mather, Kiss.

USTRIA v. TRIESTINA: Radulovic, Ward, Lechner.

THIRD DIVISION — SUNDAY

AVERLEY v. F.N.D.: Slaats.

FOURTH DIVISION — SATURDAY

LYDALE v. CHELSEA: Alexandrou.

That Mee magic again as Arsenal march on to their third successive victory, inside right Tommy Baldwin giving them two points against Villa. This is Arsenal's best start in nineteen years. But at the moment they are pipped by Burnley, on goal average, for the League leadership.

World Cup hero Alan Ball, £110,000 worth of Soccer dynamite, is still on the goal standard for Everton. He banged in two more to help topple League champions Liverpool 3—1 at Goodison. But he also injured an ankle and is doubtful for Wednesday's game against Manchester United.

STATE LEAGUE	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellas	12	5	4	44	23	29
Slavia	12	4	5	34	23	28
Melbourne	10	4	7	31	29	24
Croatia	10	3	8	38	26	23
Hakoah	9	5	7	28	24	23
Juventus	8	5	8	28	24	21
J.U.S.T.	8	4	9	28	29	20
Polonia	6	5	10	23	26	17
G. Cross	8	1	12	28	35	17
Alexander	7	3	11	26	41	17
Lions	7	3	11	22	40	17
Wilhelmina	7	2	12	32	43	16

LONDON Aug 30
...lts of English soccer matches last night:
...ISION ONE — Fulham 0 ... 0: West Ham 3 Arsenal 2
...ISION TWO.—Preston North ... Millwall postponed
...ISION THREE — Swansea 3 Oldham Athletic 0
...GUE CUP. First Round Re... Darlington 4 Halifax Town ... ton Town 1 Aldershot 2: ...eld Town 3 Notts County 0: ...l 0, Brentford 1: Reading ...tford 0: York City 1. ...sbrough 1.

IT'S four weeks since that wonderful World Cup Final at Wembley but the Germans are still wailing over that controversial first goal in extra time by Geoff Hurst.

One of their top magazines, "Der Kicker," is offering £100 to any reader who can supply pictorial evidence to prove the ball didn't cross the line.

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Arsenal 1, Villa 0:

MANAGER Bertie Mee's expression never altered as his alive - again Arsenal swept Villa aside.

He sat contentedly in the Highbury directors' box as his shock troops marched to their third successive win and to joint top of the League on points.

The boss never had cause for concern. Arsenal started in sparkling form and always looked sure winners.

It COULD have been a more convincing victory. It SHOULD have been. And it WOULD have been, but for the brilliance of Colin Withers, Villa's king-sized 'keeper.

Arsenal hadn't a weak link. The defence was sound and in Jon Sammels they have found a forward general.

Sammels was superb, stroking perfect passes that fed young wingers Tommy Coakley (a solid little debutant) and George Armstrong.

The goal came in the 30th minute.

Inside right Tommy Baldwin and Coakley interpassed for Baldwin to volley a superb drive that bent farther from Withers's reach with every inch it travelled.

With Frank McLintock and Terry Neill forcing the forwards on and Sammels directing the one-way traffic, Withers pulled out half a dozen super saves.

At the other end Jim Furnell had only four shots, not one worrying him.

It was as one-sided as that. Arsenal forced ten corners to Villa's one and the shots came in the same ratio.

But the best of all was the one that got away twelve minutes from time his shot perfectly.

Then he held his head in his hands as the ball bounced off the inside of the post and back into play.

Sammels deserved to score, for no man did more to keep the Arsenal revival running smoothly than General Jon.

Villa were lamentable shadows of their once great selves and they will need a lot more than a new chairman to get back on the Soccer map.

Dick Taylor's team held no terrors for an almost arrogant Arsenal squad, still far from the Highbury heroes of old but running smoothly towards happier days.

Chelsea 0, Sheffield 0

ENTERTAINMENT was plunged to the absolute zero in this goalless bore which sent 33,489 fans shuffling and muttering out of Stamford Bridge.

I can think back on few more depressing Soccer sessions than this served up by two teams who, by some early miracle of the season, went into this game with a brace of victories apiece.

Chelsea at least did try to score goals and should have won the match without much difficulty.

Wednesday, unrecognisable from the fine courageous attacking outfit which extracted so much sympathy and respect for their grand Cup final football, smothered the guts out of this game.

To some they may have revealed uncanny defensive depth. But for me it was football designed to assassinate the game as a spectator sport.

The final disappointing ingredient was the Ipswich referee, John Osborne, who tactics when he booked right half Peter Eustace.

Chelsea, missing the defensive poise of Marvin Hinton at centre half and without much plan in attack, nevertheless should have scored in the 41st and 53rd minutes.

Osgood, from a perfect return pass by George Graham, got clear through the tall, uncompromising Wednesday rearguard but skyed the ball over Ron Springett's crossbar.

Peter Houseman was also clear for the second outstanding Chelsea goal chance, but shot straight for Springett when a timed lob must have beaten the England goalkeeper.

Newcastle 0
Spurs. 2

I CANNOT recall a Spurs' team looking so composed and winning with so much in reserve since their many days of the double, writes VINCE WILSON.

Dave Mackay coached his willing men into a comfortable victory after a whirlwind twenty minutes opening that rocked the Geordies.

Jimmy Robertson should have scored with a wonderful chance only eight yards out and Alan Gilzean turned the ball into the arms of goalkeeper Gordon Marshall from twelve yards before the first goal came in the eighteenth minute.

Terry Venables gave Jimmy Robertson a short pass about forty yards out and Robertson cut past three defenders at top speed before shooting past Marshall.

The second came just after the interval when Mackay crashed a swerving shot into goal from thirty yards.

Big Mike England kept an airtight grip on the middle after a hesitant start, but he and the rest of the Spurs' defence were rarely ex-

"The only time United worried them in any way was when Alan Suddick broke clear near the end and his neat pass left Dave Hilley with a chance.

But Pat Jennings had read the move and was out to smother the shot.

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SCOTLAND, who have never done well in the World Cup, never will unless they change their approach drastically says Eddie McCreadie, Scotland and Chelsea full back.

According to McCreadie: "We just don't prepare our international side sufficiently. The team never gets together enough for practice and training.

"Look at our preparation for the vital qualifying game with Italy. We had only a fortnight, while other countries had months."

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Altona State Schools Grand Final Re-play

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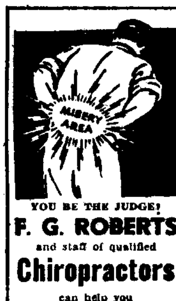

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THE CHANGING OF A NAME...

Stayput is a wise move

Says JIM COOK

Although the Victorian Soccer Federation will compel all clubs in the Metropolitan League to change to district names, no directive has been issued compelling State League clubs to do the same.

Nor will there be. And the decision to leave the State League clubs as they are is a wise decision.

I'm convinced that to drop national names at present for the State League would not bring about the desired effect of attracting more Australians to Soccer.

Nor would it bring to an end the nationalism which exists between a few clubs.

It could, on the other hand, have a serious effect on lowering the enthusiasm and loyalty of the Continental supporters who undoubtedly have played a major part in developing the game into what it is today.

Name changing is a serious business, especially in Australian Soccer which draws its biggest support from a handful of European nationalities.

And if the sum total of changing club names is only for a cover up, then we are undoubtedly backing a loser.

Once the State League support considerably increases and there is more equalisation in the attendances of the six week-end games the time may be ripe for a change.

NATIONAL ...OR DISTRICT?

In recent weeks, strong moves have been made to bring a new image into the Australian Soccer set-up.

One of these moves has concerned the names of the clubs. It has been suggested that "national" names such as Hakoah, Hellas, Polonia, J.U.S.T., etc., should be scrapped, and local district names adopted.

Soccer News believes this is one of the most vital questions in Soccer. It's one that is always cropping up, and one that must be solved if the game is to progress.

You are the people who keep Soccer going. What do you think? Put your views on paper in a short letter to us. Address it to 52 Fitzroy St., St. Kilda. We'd like to hear from you.

Bold plan will hit "nationals"

Says MARTIN ASTON

Sydney's Soccer clubs are being asked to cut their own throats.

This follows a blueprint to revive interest in the code which has been drawn up by Frank Parsons, president of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation, and Jim Bayutti, a vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation, at the request of the N.S.W. Federation.

The first condition laid down in the blueprint is that no club can have a "national" name.

There will be no exception and even the glamor clubs such as Apia, Hakoah and Pan Hellenic will be forced to adopt a district name if the blueprint is adopted.

Each club will adopt a particular area and among the districts being suggested are St. George, North Sydney, Parramatta, Eastern Suburbs, Liverpool and Leichhardt.

The blueprint suggests that promotion and relegation should be suspended until 1970 to enable each district club plenty of time to settle down and build up its own local juniors.

The proposal is to have an "A" division of eight to 10 clubs run on a full professional or semi-professional lines and a "B" division which is strictly amateur.

Each club would have 16 professional players and a similar number of apprentice professionals who are under the age of 18.

It is to be hoped that officials have the courage to adopt such a plan, but, being a realist, I cannot see Sydney's selfish group of "national" clubs agreeing to put themselves out of business.

Soccer crowds are going down and down in Sydney and the reason for this is that the "Old Australian" has given the game away.

He does not want to see a group of teams with foreign names playing each other and there is also the risk of becoming involved in a brawl when spectators became angry at a decision of the referee.

Soccer is going to continue to slump in Sydney until it gets back onto a district basis.

POLITICS

It is a shocking thing to have two Yugoslavian clubs with a bitter difference of opinion over politics in the first division competition.

And the same position could apply in the Greek community if Canterbury Marrickville, a famous old club which has been taken over by a group of Greeks with a grudge against Pan Hellenic, gets into next year's first division.

District football is the secret of the amazing popularity of Australian Rules in Melbourne and the same applies to why Rugby League is enjoying record crowds in Sydney.

Promotion and relegation has resulted in a new "national" club coming into the first division every year while a "local" club is relegated.

REJECTS

And Sydney's second division at the moment is no more than a place for first division "rejects" to pick up an easy dollar or two.

Every Sydney club, with the exception of Apia, is currently "in the red" and a district competition would enable a number of leading officials to stop dipping into their own pockets to keep their club from going out of existence.

And a district competition would enable Australia to get closer to world-class by giving the local junior a chance to get to the top.

Let's get rid of a number of the little "national" clubs which are only an excuse for a minority group of migrants keeping together instead of assimilating into the Australian way of life.

The JIM COOK page

Polonia find 2 new stars

Polonia have unearthed another couple of extremely promising players in right winger Mike Knott and left winger Eddie Frydlewicz, who both made their first team debut in the recent Olympic Park match against Juventus.

Both are 19-year-olds and products of the intensive Polonia local produce plan. Eddie Frydlewicz is a student at Melbourne University.

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Former Wilhelmina, Richmond and Juventus keeper, Rudy Van Altena, is still around the Soccer scene with Metropolitan side Mooroolbark. Rudy, who stands a cool 6'5", is doing a spot of coaching out Croydon way.

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Checking through the scoring records of the State League players so far this season I find that Jimmy Bingham heads the list of scoring defenders. Jimmy has found the net four times this season — all from penalty kicks. In three of the games, Lions have gone on to win.

George Cross were disappointed when inside forward Ernie Collumbine, of St. Johnstone, who recently received a free transfer, signed for Scottish Second Division side Clydebank.

The Cross, who made Collumbine a good offer two years ago when he was released by East Stirling, repeated this recently. But the goal-scoring inside forward, at 26 years of age, elected to stay another season at least in Scottish Soccer.

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Former Polonia and Victorian star Edmund Zientara is now coaching Legia Soccer Club in Poland. Zientara returned to Poland almost two years ago.

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Joe Hastie, the Makedonia inside forward who broke his leg three weeks ago in the game with Athena, really copped a bad one. It will be about 10 weeks before Joe has the plaster removed and he is pretty helpless at the moment. Joe has nothing but praise for Wally Patterson and his wife and David Oxton and his wife who have really gone out of their way to look after him. Wally, ex-Juventus, and David, ex-Moreland, also play with Makedonia.

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K. B. Copenhagen, one of the best Soccer sides in Denmark, have a fabulous set-up although they are all-amateur.

Soccer, with five pitches, is only part of the club's set-up. They have facilities for water polo, badminton, squash, indoor and outdoor tennis, boxing, a dance hall and turkish baths.

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It's reported that Sandor Matrai, a full back or centre half with more than 70 international caps for Hungary to his credit, will join St. George-Budapest in Sydney next year.

Now 33 years of age, Matrai, who is still playing with Ferencvasos in Hungary, was rated one of the best defenders in this year's World Cup finals in England.

Snag may be that Matrai, who toured Australia in 1958 with Ferencvasos, may, as an active player, be refused permission to leave Hungary. This has been the rule of the Hungarian Ministry of Sport in the past.

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Glasgow Celtic, the Scottish First Division champions last season, played before the staggering total of 1,246,484 fans at all their league and cup games during 1965-66.

Over three quarters of a million watched their home games while nearly half a million turned up to their away matches.

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Once again, with the league season drawing to a close, several top State League players will soon be packing their bags and returning to Europe. I understand at least three players are well ahead with arrangements to return home once their present clubs wind up the playing season. If past years are taken as a guide the same three players could make a quick about turn and be back in Melbourne for the 1967 league season.

★

Makedonia, who join the State League ranks next season, will almost certainly have to embark on a big rebuilding program as regards their team.

One player on their books who could cause a stir in State League Soccer is centre or inside forward Kit Grosdanov, who joined them from Macedonia two years ago.

Kit, who is 25, could enhance his reputation as a goal-scorer — if he has the right support.

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A well-founded report suggests that Hakoah keeper, Mike O'Hara, could return to England soon.

The Hakoah secretary-manager, Kurt Defris, said the report is not without substance and in fact, O'Hara is likely to return home.

Hellas forward Ernie Ackerley is hard-pressed by a Croatia defender as he chests the ball in front of him in the match at Olympic Park on Sunday.

$300,000 FOR NEW STADIUM

Mr. Vandeloo Lions team manager, said Soccer people laughed when he announced that Broadmeadows council were prepared to build a $200,000 stadium for Soccer.

"We have now been told that the Council is prepared to spend $300,000 on the project," he said.

Lions have approached Juventus to combine with them and share the stadium on the same basis as Hellas and Hakoah share Middle Park.

Alan Elliott suspended

Alan Elliott, the Melbourne-Hungaria full-back, has been suspended by the club for the rest of the season.

A Melbourne official said yesterday that the committee had done this as a disciplinary measure.

On Monday there was also talk that another leading Melbourne player had been suspended but this was not true.

The club settled their differences with the player during the week.

It is believed the differences between Elliott and the club is one concerning payment.

The committee have taken a firm hand in suspending Elliott as they have one more game to play and are third in the league with a good chance of playing in the Australia Cup for the first time.

A loss this week-end, and wins for Croatia and Hakoah, who are one point less than the Hungarian sponsored team, would end their hopes.

IRELAND

Irish League Ulster Cup: Ards 5, Distillery 0; Crusaders 6, Ballymena United 2; Derry City 5, Bangor 1; Glentoran 1, Coleraine 0; Linfield 4, Glenavon 2; Portadown 4, Cliftonville 2.

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